Karen Zott (left), CFS assistant dean for engagement, talks with State Health Commissioner Judy Monroe, MD, (center) and Melissa Johnson, executive director of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, during the “A Healthier US Starts Here” bus tour stop in Tippecanoe County.

CFS Partners with INShape Indiana to Promote Hoosier Health

The College of Consumer and Family Sciences is partnering with the Indiana State Department of Health to bring the 2007 INShape Indiana Health Summit to Purdue University. To be held on Monday, October 15, this year’s summit is called “Live Healthy, Work Healthy” and will focus on promoting a healthy workforce.

The speakers and breakout sessions will address the economic benefits of a healthy workforce and the choices companies can provide their employees to help them develop and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Hot topics in worksite wellness have been selected to equip businesses for today’s challenges, including strategies for the implementation of wellness programs and methods to improve bottom lines — reducing health care costs and utilizing tax breaks.

“The college’s involvement in Governor Mitch Daniels’ annual Health Summit is just one example of the many ways we are partnering with like-minded organizations to achieve our mission of enhancing quality of life in Indiana and beyond,” says CFS Dean Dennis Savaiano.

The Eva Goble Lecture Series, held this year in conjunction with the summit, will feature keynote speaker Glorian Sorensen, a professor in the Department of Society, Human Development and Health at Harvard University. A Fulbright Scholar, Sorensen is director of the Center for Community-Based Research at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute. She is well known for designing and testing workplace interventions aimed at changing health-related behaviors such as smoking, poor diet, and lack of exercise.

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What a tremendous time of change! Starting a new academic year is always an exciting time, but this fall is notable for the changes taking place at Purdue and in our college.

We welcomed France A. Córdova as Purdue’s 11th president in July. She began her presidency by meeting and greeting faculty, staff, and students on the steps of Hovde Hall. It was a perfect summer day, and the turnout was tremendous. I believe the people of Purdue, including alumni, are foremost in President Córdova’s mind. She has said the University’s new strategic plan will celebrate and support students, staff, faculty, and alumni. It will also examine Purdue’s relationship with the state of Indiana and be an energizer for the state’s economy.

Within the college, we have spent the last year working toward a new strategic plan that will take us through 2013. With a focus for the next five years on purpose, people, partnerships, and possibilities, I believe our strategic plan will dovetail nicely with the University’s. People are our greatest strength, and to effect the most change in our learning, discovery, and engagement initiatives, we must partner with others who share a similar mission. Through our people and our partnerships, we will accomplish our purpose to enhance quality of life for people in Indiana and beyond. Imagine the possibilities!

One partnership that continues to evolve and grow is with the Indiana State Department of Health and Governor Mitch Daniels’ INShape Indiana program. I am very pleased that our college is hosting the 2007 INShape Indiana Health Summit: Live Healthy, Work Healthy at Purdue University on October 15. The one-day summit targets employers and focuses on promoting a healthy work environment. It’s a great example of how we are leveraging resources in the college and partnering with like-minded organizations to bring about positive change.

And if that’s not enough excitement … on October 29 and 30, we will celebrate the development and planning of two new buildings, Hanley and Marriott halls to house Child Development and Family Studies and Hospitality and Tourism Management, respectively. It’s been nearly 50 years since a new building for Consumer and Family Sciences has been constructed — and we’ll break ground on two in the next year!

Change is in the air, and I feel fortunate to be here during this time of tremendous growth in our programs, partnerships, and facilities. I truly believe there’s never been a better time to be a student, faculty or staff member, or alum of Consumer and Family Sciences. Hail Purdue!

Dennis Savaiano
Dean
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Also speaking at the summit is Dee W. Edington, a professor in the Division of Kinesiology at the University of Michigan and director of the Health Management Research Center. His research focuses on the relationship between healthy lifestyles, vitality, and quality of life. He is specifically interested in how individual health promotion and worksite wellness impact healthcare cost containment, productivity, and human resource development.

Registration for the summit is $25 if paid before September 15 or $35 afterward. The deadline to register is October 8 and can be done online at www.in.gov/inshape/summit.

**Partnerships a Priority**

The college’s collaboration on the Health Summit is just one of the many ways CFS is partnering with the Indiana State Department of Health to promote a healthy Indiana. Several initiatives (see right) through CFS Extension provide critical support for Governor Mitch Daniels’ INShape Indiana message of eating well, moving more, and quitting smoking.

State Health Commissioner Judy Monroe, MD, who spoke at the college’s Felker Conference in the spring, says, “Purdue Extension has been a tremendous partner to us. We now have 46 coalitions across the state that are getting the message out for Healthy People, Healthy Communities that will help take our state toward meeting those Healthy People 2010 goals.”

On June 8, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services “A Healthier US Starts Here” bus tour stopped in Tippecanoe County to highlight the role of healthy behaviors in disease prevention and to encourage seniors to become aware of Medicare’s prevention benefits. Dr. Monroe, along with Melissa Johnson, executive director of the President’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, were at the event to recognize community partners for their efforts in promoting INShape Indiana.

“Collaboration is the key to fighting obesity and reducing the burden of chronic disease,” says Johnson. “Governor Daniels’ INShape Indiana initiative has inspired organizations and communities all over the state to work together to promote healthier behaviors.”

**For more information on CFS Extension initiatives and programs, visit www.ces.purdue.edu/cfs or call (765) 494-8252.**

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**The following is a partial list of the many partnership efforts currently underway between Purdue Extension and the Indiana State Department of Health:**

- 2007 INShape Indiana Health Summit
- Adolescent Health Coalition
- Breastfeeding Coalition
- Diabetes Advisory Council
- Indiana Folic Acid Council
- Indiana Perinatal Network
- Indiana Public Health System Improvement Project
- Indianapolis Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Consortium
- Maternal and Child Health
- Meth Free Indiana Coalition
- Pandemic Town Hall Meetings
- Pre-Maturity Summit
- Prenatal Substance Abuse Prevention Program
- Prevent Blindness Indiana
- Public Health Preparedness Week
- School Wellness Policy
- State Nutrition Action Plan
- Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Coalitions
- Walks Across Indiana
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)
Approximately 50 girls ages 12–14 were on campus this summer to participate in Camp Calcium, a research project in the Department of Foods and Nutrition that allows researchers to study the effects of vitamin D on calcium absorption.

“We’re especially excited to have held our 10th Camp Calcium,” says Connie Weaver, distinguished professor and department head. “It shows that our work has not only made an impact, but also that there are still pertinent answers to be found.”

Results from previous camps have been used in part to form the dairy recommendations for the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s food pyramid.

“We’ve learned a great deal over these previous nine sessions about how young people of all races process calcium differently,” Weaver says. “We also know for certain that calcium intake during the adolescent years can shape bone health for the remainder of a person’s life.”

Campers were on campus over two, three-week sessions. Research associate and camp director Berdine Martin says it takes a lot of planning, numerous camp counselors, and many long hours to keep nearly 50 girls entertained over a six-week period.

“We do our best to make the camp fun for the kids,” says Martin, who admits they usually lose a few girls the first day or two of camp to homesickness. “They participate in educational and recreational activities, and have daily access to computers to keep in touch with their families. Purdue’s campus has much to offer, and these children experience the range of it.”
**War, Peace, and a Purple Wagon**

A web site created by Judith Myers-Walls, a helping parents and their children in their explorations and discussions of war, terrorism, and peacemaking.

Called Purple Wagon, the site gets its name from a 4-year-old girl who, when asked if she knew what “peace” was, responded by saying “A wagon — a purple wagon that someone pulls.”

The site provides research-based information and activities to help children understand political violence, cope with fears, and learn how to make peace. The site has information for parents, children and teens, educators, researchers, and the media.

The Purple Wagon Web site at www.ces.purdue.edu/purplewagon is the latest edition of a site that Myers-Walls launched on September 11, 2001, dedicated to addressing how to talk to children about terrorism.

“Adults want to protect children from these events, but it is not possible to hide the reality,” Myers-Walls says. “Children hear bits and pieces of news, or they may see many images of war and peace. They need help understanding the words and learning how to look at the situations.”

**HTM and Krannert Provide Professional Development for Hoteliers**

Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM) is partnering with the Krannert School of Management Executive Education Programs to host the General Manager Academy, a professional development program for hoteliers in IAHI, the Owners Association of InterContinental Hotels Group (IHG).

In its third year, the academy focuses on leadership issues facing the hospitality industry and is taught by HTM and Krannert professors.

“IAHI wants to reclaim its position as a world leader in the hotel industry and chose to partner with Purdue because HTM and Krannert’s MBA program are both top ranked programs,” says Mick LaLopa, HTM associate professor and instructor for the General Manager Academy.

The academy earns high marks from those who attend and supports IHG’s strategy of assisting its new and existing general managers’ retention and career advancement.

**New Design Adds Color to Focus**

Welcome to your newly redesigned alumni newsletter, Focus! In spring 2006, we conducted a readership survey to find out what you liked about Focus and what you would change. An overwhelming majority of our readers liked the current format — length of publication, length and type of stories, and publication frequency. But after having the same look for seven years, the publication staff thought it was time for a makeover.

“Several people in the survey thought Focus should be printed in color, and we agreed,” says Wendi Ailor, CFS director of alumni relations and special events. “The goal of Focus continues to be connecting with CFS alumni and friends to keep you informed.”

We love hearing from alumni and encourage you to share your latest news by filling out the Class Notes postage-paid card toward the back. We’d love to print your news (and photos too!) in the next issue.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

CFS Extension is working with INShape Indiana to organize Walks Across Indiana on Saturday, October 6, 2007. Counties across the state will hold walks on this day to promote walking as part of a healthy lifestyle. For information on walks in your area, contact your local Purdue Extension office.

The Center for Families will present its 10th Family Impact Seminar to legislators and legislative staff on Monday, November 19 at the Indiana State House. These non-partisan sessions summarize current research on issues relevant to families. Meeting the Challenge of Moving Youth into the Workforce: Reducing Drop Outs and Increasing Educational Attainment will explore how we can help children be successful in school, beginning with early intervention so issues can be addressed before problems arise.

Nominations are still being accepted for the 2008 CFS Alumni Awards. If you know of an alum deserving of an award (and we know you do!), please nominate them by visiting the CFS Web site and completing a nomination form. Awards are available for Distinguished Alumni, Outstanding Young Professional (age 35 or younger), Community Service, and Friend of Purdue. Visit www.cfs.purdue.edu for award criteria and the nomination process. Just click the “Alumni and Friends” green tab on the CFS home page and then “Alumni Awards.” Nominations are due by October 20.

Liping Cai, a professor in the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management, will serve as the college’s interim associate dean for diversity and international programs in 2007–08. He is director of the Purdue Tourism and Hospitality Research Center.
If someone gave you $100,000 to follow your dream, what would you do? Where would your dreams take you? For Jenna Roberts Scarsi, a 1998 graduate in dietetics, her dream is taking her to cities across the United States and into the hearts and minds of young people with diabetes.

A certified diabetes educator at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, Illinois, Scarsi entered and won the 2006 Bayer Dream Fund, an annual contest for people with diabetes who want to achieve a special dream that might not be possible unless they are in control of their diabetes. She received $100,000 from Bayer HealthCare to make her dream come true.

“Ever since I was first diagnosed with diabetes at age 11, I’ve been directly involved in the diabetes community and have participated in a number of fundraisers,” says Scarsi. “Based on my own experience with diabetes and through my work as a diabetes educator, I saw the opportunity to create a different kind of fundraising event that would involve children and young adults with diabetes, as well as their families and friends.”

Avid movie fans, Scarsi and her husband, Jay, a pharmaceutical sales representative for an insulin manufacturer, had the idea to combine movies, diabetes education, and fundraising into one event that they called Lights, Camera, Cure: Taking Action Against Juvenile Diabetes. Their first event, held in November 2004, featured a showing of The Polar Express, and they distributed diabetes information to the families that attended. The money raised was returned to the community to support diabetes awareness and programs. They followed up in 2005 and 2006 with similar events, all held in Arlington Heights. But Scarsi wanted to do more.

The dream that she presented to the Bayer Dream Fund proposed taking Lights, Camera, Cure on the road, visiting several large cities across the United States over the course of one year. She also wanted to expand the diabetes education portion of the event and increase fundraising. Scarsi made her final pitch to a panel of judges in New York City and was named the contest winner in April 2007. Since then, Lights, Camera, Cure events have been held in Indianapolis, Philadelphia, and Portland. She and Jay will travel to Nashville in October, and a finale event is scheduled for San Antonio in December.

Average attendance at each event is 300, mostly families with children who are living with diabetes. The first two hours of the event are devoted to education. Interactive information booths are staffed by medical professionals and volunteer youth advocates who are children or teens with diabetes from the host city. They answer questions and talk about everything from living with diabetes to monitoring their condition and the importance of exercise and healthy eating. Following the diabetes fair, participants get to enjoy a private screening of a current family film.

“It’s very empowering for these youth advocates, who have diabetes themselves, to see how important they are to the success of this event,” Scarsi says. “I love watching them grow and blossom as they warm up to their
role at the health fair. They do a great job of talking with other kids and explaining what it’s like to live with diabetes.”

Thanks to the underwriting by the Bayer Dream Fund, Scarsi is able to donate all proceeds from Lights, Camera, Cure to the communities hosting the event. Funds are raised through silent auctions, donations, and selling T-shirts and other merchandise. To date, she estimates the events have raised $30,000 to $40,000.

In order to coordinate all five events in one year, which Scarsi does single-handedly with some help from Jay, she had to reduce her work schedule to part-time. She plans on returning to the hospital full-time following the finale event in December.

“I love working with my patients, each one has their own unique story,” says Scarsi, who is also a registered dietitian. “I want to find out what bugs them most about living with diabetes and then help them find solutions to those problems.”

Scarsi knows she will be a little sad when the Lights, Camera, Cure U.S. tour comes to a close in San Antonio, but says she will keep it going as an annual event in Arlington Heights.

“The opportunity to do so much more with the support of the Bayer Dream Fund has been phenomenal,” she says. “I wish I could do this all again next year, but it’s time to let someone else’s dreams come true.”

For more information on Jenna Scarsi and the Lights, Camera, Cure events, please visit www.lights-camera-cure.org.
A PhD student in foods and nutrition, Katie Hill spent most of her summer involved in research with Camp Calcium, a research project in the Department of Foods and Nutrition that studies calcium absorption in adolescents. For Hill, who is interested in the connection between nutrition and bone health, the opportunity to be involved with this research was invaluable.

She credits her doctoral fellowship with giving her the freedom to pursue a summer research project rather than a summer job.

“Assistantships and fellowships allow us to focus on our graduate careers by taking away some of the burdens of bills,” Hill says. “If it weren’t for this support, many graduate students would have to spend a substantial amount of time working outside jobs, which could even lead to being unable to continue with graduate work.”

Thanks to an endowment from Ardath Johnson, MS ’39, support is growing for graduate education in the Department of Foods and Nutrition. A retired instructor in institutional management, Johnson passed away in March 2006 leaving a gift to further graduate studies in the department.

While most foods and nutrition graduate students have some sort of financial assistance, it is getting harder to come by the dollars needed.

“Fellowships from the Graduate School are declining or they’re not fully funded, so the department is having to put more money into supporting graduate students at the right level,” says Connie Weaver, distinguished professor and head. “Endowments for graduate education, like the one we received from Ardath Johnson, will help create stable funding despite the ups and downs from outside sources.”

Advisor’s memorial fund provides scholarships

From 1991 until her death in June 2006, Mary Griffin was the face and voice of the CFS Education program, serving as academic advisor, course instructor, and field experience coordinator. Now, a memorial fund in her name will continue to support the students she cared so much about.

“When Mary got sick, she had been talking about contributing to a fundraising effort for an endowed chair in CFS Education,” says Walt Griffin, Mary’s husband. “Everyone in the family wanted to do something in her memory, and they were instrumental in starting the fund and donating to it.”

To date, friends and family have raised more than $25,000 for the Mary Griffin Memorial Fund, enough to create a permanent scholarship endowment. The first scholarship will be awarded this fall. Ultimately, it is hoped that over the next five years, as much as $250,000 could be raised for scholarships, research support, and faculty development in CFS Education.

“She was so active and involved with her students,” says Walt, “I know this is something she would have wanted.”

**Leaving a Legacy**

*Endowments Create Lasting Support for Students*

If you are interested in supporting the CFS Education program and contributing to the Mary Griffin Memorial Fund, please contact CFS Development at (800) 535-7303, (765) 494-7890, or cfsalums@purdue.edu.
What does the Indiana Women’s Prison have in common with a literacy program in Noble County? They are both recipients of the 2007 Inspiring Families and Building Communities Award from the College of Consumer and Family Sciences!

The award, now in its sixth year, honors organizations in Indiana that have a direct impact on the community and improve the lives of families. The co-winners for 2007 are the Family Preservation Program at the Indiana Women’s Prison and the Literacy Empowering and Advocating Project (LEAP) in Albion. They each received a $1,000 cash award.

“These two winners are wonderful examples of how collaboration within a community can truly make a difference for Hoosier families,” says CFS Dean Dennis Savaiano.

At the Indiana Women’s Prison, community organizations are providing programming and financial support for a network of resources aimed at helping 160 incarcerated mothers, their 300 children, and 350 of the children’s caregivers. Through efforts such as a children’s center located inside the prison where mothers can visit with their children, and also a summer camp, the Indiana Women’s Prison is fostering the connection between incarcerated mothers and their children. This is important as it helps reduce the recidivism rate among the mothers and also provides support to the children, who are at high risk for incarceration themselves.

Of the women who participated in the program who were released, only 8.7 percent have returned to an Indiana Department of Corrections facility within three years of their initial incarceration. This compares to the 40 percent recidivism rate for women nationally.

In Noble County where 24 percent of adults aged 25 and older do not have a high school diploma, community leaders saw a need for a county-wide literacy initiative. Collaborating with the National Center for Family Literacy, the community launched LEAP in 2000.

Through LEAP, students of all ages can receive one-on-one homework help and tutoring, adult learners can earn a GED in English or Spanish, and parents can attend early childhood education and parenting classes. LEAP also provides a quality after-school program. By all measures — program participation, academic growth demonstrated by students, and community support — LEAP is a success, and is empowering individuals with literacy skills that promote lifelong learning.

For more information on LEAP, please visit www.leapofnoblecounty.org or call (888) 571-5327. For information on nominating an organization for the 2008 Inspiring Families and Building Communities Award, contact Karen DeZarn in CFS Extension at (765) 494-8252 or kdezarn@purdue.edu.
Show Your CFS PRIDE!

With a new line of spirit wear and merchandise featuring the Consumer and Family Sciences name and logo, it’s never been easier to show your CFS pride. A wide variety of items are now available for alumni, friends, faculty, staff, and students to purchase online in the CFS store at www.CFS.nextcomm.biz.

“We wanted to provide an opportunity for those who love Purdue and CFS to show their school spirit by sporting shirts, hats, bags, and other items,” says Wendi Ailor, CFS director of alumni relations and special events. “We’ve been working on this for several months, and I’m excited about the variety of items offered and the high quality of the merchandise.”

The college is working with S2 Promotions of Fishers, Indiana, to create the custom items. Merchandise will change with the seasons so shoppers are encouraged to check the store often to see what’s new. Visitors to the online store can sign up to receive notices by e-mail when new items are available and when items go on sale. Ailor says if the store is successful, there is a possibility that it will offer items promoting each department as well.

Profits from merchandise sold will be directed to the CFS Student Council to support student activities.

Browse the CFS store for the following merchandise:

- T-shirts*
- Polo shirts*
- Wind shirts*
- Jackets*
- Fleece wear*
- Button-down shirts*
- Baseball caps
- Visors
- Blankets

* Available in ladies and men’s styles

In the months ahead, look for:

- Insulated coffee tumblers
- Bags
- Winter scarves and hats
- Items in a variety of colors

www.CFS.nextcomm.biz
Graduation

More than 370 CFS students received degrees at May and August commencement ceremonies. According to the 2006 Senior Survey, CFS graduating seniors are among the most satisfied with their educational experience as compared to seniors in other colleges and schools at the University.

Boiler Mixer

CFS alumni got a sneak peek inside the Kraft Kitchens at the Boiler Mixer held June 22 at Kraft in Glenview, Illinois. At top, Debbie Bloch Limer, BS ’89, and her son Avi enjoy the food.

Restaurant and Hotel-Motel Show

Gloria Mills, Jill Poehlein, and Janet Glotzbach staff the Hospitality and Tourism Management booth at the National Restaurant Association show in Chicago in May. Below, Bill Edmonson, BS ’62, Erin Hertzel, BS ’01, and Keith Molter, HTM foodservice director and graduate instructor, enjoy the HTM reception at the NRA show.

Home and Family Conference

Two Cookin' Sisters hosted a tour for the Home and Family Conference. Pictured are sister Kim Robinson Sterne, Michele Wilder, and CFS alumna Carolyn Probasco Robinson, BS '63, mother of the 'two cookin' sisters.' The other sister, not pictured, is CFS alumna Kristi Robinson Rensberger, AAS '78, BS '80.
1940–49

Betty Ribordy Clayton, BS ‘44, LaPorte, Indiana, recently had an article published about the round robin letter that she and her housemates of Glenwood Coop have been sending to each other since they graduated in 1944. Betty’s husband, Lloyd, died December 29, 2004.

1950–59

Martha Creighton Milton, BS ’57, Nokomis, Florida, says she is enjoying her late-in-life marriage and retirement near Venice, Florida.

1960–69

Jacqueline Weinland Bick, BS ’65, Santa Clarita, California, is a district representative for the California State Legislature.

Joanna Bertsch Sell, BS ’69, Avon, Indiana, is retired from Bartlett Chapel Preschool where she was a teacher and director.

1970–79

Judith Rosswurm Lannan, BS ’71, Gallup, New Mexico, is a teacher with Juande Onate Elementary School. She received an MA in elementary education from the University of New Mexico in 2007.

Nancy Manuel, BS ’76, Brownstown, Indiana, recently returned to Indiana after teaching elementary school the last 15 years in Naples, Florida. Nancy is a Family Nutrition Program assistant for Purdue Extension in Jackson County.

Jan Walther, BS ’76, New Albany, Indiana, is a new member of the CFS Alumni Board. She is director of marketing for the Louisville, Kentucky, YMCA.

1980–89

Monica Lea Desmond, BS ’80, Burlington, Ontario, Canada, is a quality assurance manager with Bartek Ingredients Inc.

James R. Huber, MS ’82, Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, presented a workshop “Fearbusters: Working Well with Adolescent Anxiety, Parents, and Professionals” to the Berks County Medical Society Alliance in April 2007, and donated his honorarium to the CFS Dean’s Merit Scholarship Fund. James is director and a licensed marriage and family therapist with Huber Interactives.

Una Curry Kilberg, BS ’85, McMurray, Pennsylvania, is the new president of the Pittsburgh chapter of Meeting Professionals International for 2007–08. Una is an event planner with Software Engineering Institute–CMU in Pittsburgh.

1990–99

Julie Kraft Schwalbe, BS ’82, Decatur, Illinois, earned her graduate gemologist degree from the Gemological Institute of America in 2003. She combined that degree with her retail management knowledge to start her own business, Forever Facets Inc., as a private consultant of retail fine jewelry.

Angela Chiodi, BS ’90, Smyrna, Georgia, is a new member of the CFS Alumni Board. She is a corporate meeting planner for Delta Airlines.

Kelly Moore Payton, BS ’90, Carmel, Indiana, is national career services development manager with ITT/ESI Inc.

Michael Bernard, BS ’91, Yorktown, Indiana, married his wife, Nicole, in April 2006. They welcomed their first child, Alexa, in November 2006. Michael is a route sales–customer service representative with Schwans Food Company.

Mitzi Farner Hamilton, AAS ’91, Canton, Georgia, welcomed a daughter in November 2006. She is a purchasing manager for GE.

Michael Nicolini, BS ’91, Elkhart, Indiana, is director of RSM McGladrey Inc., the fifth largest accounting firm in the world. In the last two out of three years, Mike and his team have led the firm with the highest amount of new assets under management.
Stacey Atwell Poston, BS '91, Monrovia, Indiana, is an administrator with National City Bank in Indianapolis.

Janet Matthews, BS '92, Geneva, Illinois, is vice president of operations at St. Charles Trading Inc., where she has worked since 1992. She has three boys, ages 10, 8, and 17 months.

Sandra Fishco Schmid, MS '92, Santa Ana, California, is vice president of operations for Decal Technologies Inc.

Barbara Norris Clauss, PhD '93, Terre Haute, Indiana, was awarded tenure in spring 2007 and was promoted to associate professor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at Indiana State University where she is the coordinator of FCS education.

Baron Murdock, BS '93, Los Angeles, California, is CEO and managing partner of Piccard Capital Management, the first African American family office wealth management firm on the West Coast.

Joseph Thompson, BS '93, Camby, Indiana, is a production supervisor with Thermo Fisher Scientific in Indianapolis. He and his wife, Renee, will be welcoming their third child.

Derek Delp, BS '95, Las Vegas, Nevada, is a realtor with Re/Max Central and the current president of the Purdue Alumni Club of Las Vegas. Interested alumni can contact the club at vegasboilers@yahoo.com.

Allyson Blasius, BS '97, Oak Park, Illinois, is a clinical therapist with The Day School in Chicago.

Gloria Peterson Nye, MS '97, Opelousas, Louisiana, is an extension associate with the Louisiana State University Cooperative Extension Service.

Corey Walkup, BS '98, West Chester, Ohio, is an area sales manager with Wells Fargo.

Amy Hogan Slaughter, BS '99, Valparaiso, Indiana, is a real estate underwriter with HSBC.

2000–07

Ann Dorich Daniel, BS '01, Lafayette, Indiana, is a psychotherapist with Raj Clinics. She welcomed a daughter, Emma Madelyn, on January 3, 2007.

Vanessa Benanti Ervin, BS '01, Springfield, Illinois, and her husband, David ('01 Purdue grad), welcomed their first child, Alaina Whitney.

Leanna Gottshall, BS '02, Frankfort, Indiana, and her husband welcomed their third son, Caleb Maximilian on September 22, 2006. Leanna accepted a new position at Western Middle School in Russiaville.

Elizabeth Freeman Miesen, BS '02, Cincinnati, Ohio, and her husband, Nicholas, welcomed Stella Carol on February 21, 2007. Before deciding to stay home, Elizabeth worked as an oncology nurse at a private office in Cincinnati.

Justin Miller, BS '02, Perrysburg, Ohio, was married to wife, Jennifer, on the Purdue vs. Indiana football game weekend, November 18, 2006. Justin is an account executive with Enterprise Fleet Management.

Robert Quinlisk, BS '02, New Port Richey, Florida, is a new member of the CFS Alumni Board. He is a quality manager with Standard Register.

Brooke Wilson Triplett, BS '02, Canton, Ohio, welcomed her second son, Austin James, on January 31, 2007. He joins brother, Max Michael, age 2. Brooke is an independent comfort specialist with Jockey Person to Person.

Shannon Byrnes, BS '03, Chicago, Illinois, was recently promoted to branch manager of Sapphire Technologies Chicago office. She became engaged over Memorial Day weekend to Mark Weaver, a University of Tennessee alumnus, and they are planning to wed in West Lafayette.

Heather Starks Gray, BS '03, Troutman, North Carolina, is a new member of the CFS Alumni Board. Heather is a personal banker with First Charter Bank.

Amanda Westfall Houser, BS '03, Lafayette, Indiana, was married May 19, 2007, to Shawn Houser.

Amanda Jones, BS '03, Scottsdale, Arizona, is a territory manager with Wyeth.

Kristina Ludwig, BS '03, Houston, Texas, is a new member of the CFS Alumni Board. She is a nutrition coach and club dietitian with Lifetime Fitness.

CFS Board Supports Alumni and Students

Behind the scenes of every great alumni event and program is the CFS Alumni Board, working hard all year long to support the college’s alumni relations efforts. The board is involved in several activities during the year including the CFS Alumni Awards and Outstanding Senior Awards, Boiler Mixer alumni events, and Homecoming. They also award pins to graduating seniors, and recently began co-sponsoring the CFS commencement reception.

“The board recognizes the importance of connecting with our seniors and is increasing their presence at graduation,” says Teresa Eloff, director of undergraduate recruitment.

“And it makes sense — we send our seniors into the Hall of Music as students, and they come out alumni.”

If you are interested in becoming a board member, please let us know! You can visit our Web site at www.cfs.purdue.edu to download an application. We are currently accepting nominations for three-year terms beginning in fall 2008.
Jeremy Kinsler, BS ’04, Gurnee, Illinois, is operations and beverage manager at the Onwentsia Club in Lake Forest.

Eric Miller, BS ’04, Vienna, Virginia, is a sales analyst with American Electronics Association in Washington, DC.

Jacob Davis, BS ’05, Orlando, Florida, works at Hyatt Hotels and Resorts.

Sarah Dicello, BS ’05, Evanston, Illinois, is a new member on the CFS Alumni Board. She is a food specialist at Kraft Foods.

Chaney Noyes, BS ’05, New York City, New York, is a billing analyst with Goldman Sachs.

Christina Wittneyer, BS ’05, Tampa, Florida, is a sales executive and technical sales engineer with Keyence Corp. of America. She maintains the Tampa office and manages one-third of the state’s accounts. She is also involved with Paralyzed Veterans of America and other community service.

Caroline Murphy, BS ’06, Chicago, Illinois, accepted a new position as a real estate consultant with Homescout Realty.

Michael Curtis, BS ’07, Colorado Springs, Colorado, is an executive team leader, guest experiences/softlines, for Target in Pueblo.

Dedra Dyer, BS ’07, Indianapolis, Indiana, accepted a position with the Indiana Department of Education.

Christine Michaud, BS ’07, Beavercreek, Ohio, was married to Chad Groves (Purdue grad) on September 15 in Indianapolis.

Erica Shelby, BS ’07, Indianapolis, Indiana, is a territory sales manager with Ecolab.

Patricia Slowik, BS ’07, Washington, DC, is a nutrition program coordinator and physician liaison with the Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine.

Darci Sutton, BS ’07, Thousand Oaks, California, is a production assistant, multimedia, with GO West Events and Multimedia.

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## Events Calendar

### 2007

**October 5-6**  
**President’s Council Weekend**  
CFS will host a Back-to-Class session and a Dean’s Club Luncheon. Invitations were mailed in early September. Registration is required. For information, call (800) 535-7303, (765) 494-7890, or e-mail cfsalums@purdue.edu.

**October 6**  
**INShape Indiana Walk Across Indiana**  
Visit www.in.gov/inshape/ for event information.

**October 6-7**  
**Foods and Nutrition Corporate Affiliates Fall Meeting**  
Visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/FN for information, or contact the Department of Foods and Nutrition at (765) 494-8228 or fandn@purdue.edu.

**October 15**  
**INShape Indiana Health Summit: Live Healthy, Work Healthy including the Eva Goble Lecture Series**  
Hosted by Consumer and Family Sciences at Purdue University, the summit is targeted to employers and will share practices for promoting a healthy work environment and ultimately, a healthy workforce. Visit www.in.gov/inshape/summit for information.

**October 26**  
**CFS Alumni Board Meeting**

**October 26-27**  
**CFS Festive Friday and Homecoming**  
Come cheer the Boilermakers as they take on Northwestern in the Homecoming game on October 27. Invitations with the weekend's schedule of events were mailed in September. Registration is required for CFS Festive Friday events. For information, call (800) 535-7303, (765) 494-7890, or e-mail cfsalums@purdue.edu.

**October 29**  
**Hanley Hall Celebration**

**October 30**  
**Marriott Hall Celebration**

**November 10**  
**Scholarship Recognition Luncheon**

**November 12**  
**HTM Alumni/Industry Reception at the International Hotel/Motel Show in New York City**  
Contact the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management at (765) 494-4643 or htm@purdue.edu for information.

**November 19**  
**Family Impact Seminar**  
Designed for legislators and legislative staff, this year’s seminar is titled “Meeting the Challenges of Moving Youth into the Workforce: Reducing Drop Outs and Increasing Educational Attainment.” For information, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/CFF/pages/family_impact.

**December 16**  
**Winter Commencement**

### 2008

**February 5–6**  
**CSR Career Conference**  
Visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/csr/Career_Conf.htm for information, or contact the Department of Consumer Sciences and Retailing at (765) 494-8292 or csr@purdue.edu.

**February 9–11**  
**President’s Council Weekend**  
Naples, Florida  
For President’s Council and John Purdue Club members, the weekend will be held in conjunction with Mollenkopf Weekend and will feature Back-to-Class sessions. Visit www.purdue.edu/events/naples/index.shtml for information, or contact the Special Events Office at (800) 213-3044 or events@purdue.edu.

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A Day at the Zoo

CFS alumna Emily Brewer Farr, BS ‘99, and her daughter, Katie, 5, enjoy Purdue Day at Chicago’s Brookfield Zoo on July 14. They stopped by the College of Consumer and Family Sciences booth to chat with CFS alumni Susan Voelz Caldwell, BS ‘76, and Mike Chapter, BS ‘97. Emily, a hospitality and tourism management graduate, and her husband, Shane, a 1997 civil engineering graduate, live in Chicago with Katie and their younger daughter, Ali. “We had a great time,” Emily says. “It’s a great social outing for Purdue alumni as it really shows off our school to people in Chicago!”