Through Operation Diploma, higher education institutions across Indiana will receive financial assistance to provide resources and support to student veterans. The program is administered by the Military Family Research Institute and made possible by a $5.8 million gift from Lilly Endowment Inc.

**Boots to Books**

Operation Diploma Supports Student Veterans on Campus

As military members return from deployment, many of them will enter college — some as first-time students and some to finish a degree interrupted by military service. Life on a college campus, however, differs greatly from life in combat and the transition can be difficult.

To help ensure these student veterans get the support they need to excel in the college environment, Lilly Endowment Inc. has awarded $5.8 million to Purdue’s Military Family Research Institute (MFRI) to launch Operation Diploma. The initiative runs through summer 2012 and will help colleges and universities across the state develop programs and policies that are supportive of veterans and student service members returning to the classroom.

“Making sure all students have access to the resources necessary to succeed at college is a goal that Purdue cares deeply about,” says Purdue President France A. Córdova. “We are extremely grateful to Lilly Endowment for its generous gift for this project, which will provide the support that members of the military need to excel in the campus environment.”

According to MFRI director Shelley MacDermid Wadsworth, studies have shown that students who have served or are currently serving in the military often feel frustrated, alone, and misunderstood when they arrive on campus.

“Military members sometimes face academic, financial, physical, and emotional challenges when transitioning to civilian life. And there are currently few places for them to turn to if they encounter problems or have questions,” says MacDermid Wadsworth, a professor in the Department of Child Development.
I had the privilege of welcoming nearly 400 graduates as CFS alumni at commencement on May 16. Handing a new graduate his or her diploma and acknowledging their achievement is one of a dean’s responsibilities that I most relish. This year’s graduating class is one of our largest, and each graduate is anxious to see how they can contribute and make a difference in our world.

Each year, faculty and staff select an Outstanding Senior from each department. I hope you will read their stories beginning on page 12. These students (now graduates) are ambitious, focused, and extremely talented. We look forward to these students carrying on the tradition of excellence demonstrated by our alumni.

Since 1989, the CFS Alumni Board has recognized outstanding alumni with the annual CFS Alumni Awards. This year’s honorees on pages 7–9 are an elite group of business leaders, entrepreneurs, and volunteers. For the first time, the board recognized three alumni with Outstanding Young Professional awards. The fact that our alumni are achieving great success early in their lives is a testament to the superb preparation they received at Purdue.

The college is in the final stages of developing its new strategic plan, “New Synergies: People. Partnerships. Possibilities.” Like the University, we are imagining the possibilities that could result from the creation of new partnerships and synergies across all disciplines and mission areas.

Guiding our efforts is a focus on enhancing the student experience and preparing them to excel and lead in a global economy. To accomplish this, we must begin early and provide leadership in pre-K initiatives that promote school readiness and ultimately help prepare students for the academic rigor of higher education. Our plan also promotes increased opportunities for service learning, internships, global experiences, undergraduate research, and capstone courses in the senior year.

Through discovery, we want to address society’s grand challenges and improve quality of life for individuals and families. We will explore new interdisciplinary partnerships across campus that promote health and human sciences initiatives. Increasing the number of full and named professors to promote key research and education efforts is also a focus. These strategies will have an added benefit of supporting graduate student recruitment and research.

Much of the financial support for student initiatives will be funded through Purdue’s Access & Success campaign. Of the $304 million University goal, the college is seeking to raise $9.5 million — over half of those funds are designated for direct financial support of undergraduates and graduate students.

With the current economic climate, it’s vitally important that our youth have the opportunity to not only attend college but also to graduate with fewer financial obligations.

Hail Purdue!

DEAN SAVAIANO
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MacDermid Wadsworth says issues such as how students can receive credit for military training courses; minimizing deployment-related disruptions in students’ educations; and dealing with traumatic brain injury, post-traumatic stress, and other disability support services are areas in which traditional students and college personnel sometimes don’t have much experience, especially in Indiana where there are no large active-duty military installations.

“Our goal with Operation Diploma is to help military members feel they are understood and supported by staff members, professors, and other students and, ultimately, to increase their chances of completing their education,” she says.

The staff of Operation Diploma also is working with administrators, staff, and faculty at Indiana institutions to spread awareness of veterans’ concerns; support the creation and sustainability of student veteran organizations around the state; and provide training, networking, and customized reports for institutions that participate in the project’s programs.

In 2007, Lilly Endowment gave MFRI $8.9 million to help military personnel and their families better adapt to the challenges of repeated deployments and the stresses of raising and connecting with their children during wartime. Of that funding, $1.5 million is being used to create a permanent home for the institute in the planned Hanley Hall, set to begin construction later this summer.

The Military Family Research Institute is one of the leading academically based organizations in the nation that conducts research about, with, and for military families.
Simulation Teaches Students about Life in Poverty

Poverty exists regardless of the economy, but with the current recession increasing the number of people living in extreme low-income situations, Consumer and Family Sciences Extension is offering a poverty simulation to help others better understand what poverty feels like.

Using a simulation kit, participants role-play the lives of low-income families and try to budget their resources to provide basic necessities and shelter. During the simulation, participants interact with mock human service agencies, grocers, pawnbrokers, bill collectors, job interviewers, police, and others.

According to Angie Abbott, CFS Extension foods and nutrition specialist, the poverty simulator was designed to train Extension educators in Indiana who were doing consumer and family sciences programming. Abbott says the simulation was so successful that they decided to offer the program to students and interested groups throughout the state.

“I had no idea about the stress, uncertainty, and difficulty of living in poverty,” says Lauren Clark, a junior majoring in dietetics/nutrition, fitness, and health. She participated in the simulation as part of her FN 530 (Public Health Nutrition) class.

“You are constantly turning to different resources in order to obtain money and pay bills,” she says. “Plus, often those benefits do not cover all expenses, and you have to come up with new ways to meet the family’s needs.”

Amy Conklin, a senior majoring in dietetics/nutrition, fitness, and health, says the exercise gave her a better appreciation for how hard people have to work for the basic necessities in life and also the emotional toll of living in poverty.

In the simulation, Conklin portrayed a single, homeless older woman and discovered that “facing poverty on your own can be very difficult and lonely.”

Abbott says by helping participants experience what it’s like to live in poverty, they will be in a better position to serve low-income individuals and families. For more information on the poverty simulation or to schedule the seminar for a group or community, contact Abbott at (765) 496-2488 or abbottar@purdue.edu.

Richard Ghiselli to Head Hospitality and Tourism Management

Richard Ghiselli will return to Purdue in July as the new head of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM). A member of the HTM faculty from 1994 to 2007, Ghiselli is director of the School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration at Oklahoma State University.

“We are excited to have recruited Rich back to Purdue,” says CFS Dean Dennis Savaiano. “With his teaching experience and practical background in the industry, he will do a great job.”

Ghiselli earned both his master’s and doctorate in restaurant, hotel, and tourism management at Purdue. He also has an associate’s degree from the Culinary Institute of America.

Before joining the Purdue faculty in 1994, Ghiselli served as assistant professor in the Department of Human and Family Resources at Northern Illinois University for one year. At Purdue, he was an assistant professor and then associate professor before being named associate department head in 2006. He is the recipient of the department’s Bruce Lazarus Undergraduate Teaching Award and the college’s Mary L. Matthews Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award.

“I believe very strongly in Hospitality and Tourism Management at Purdue — the department has wonderful faculty, students, and staff,” says Ghiselli, a father of four who is returning to West Lafayette with his wife and youngest child. “It really is an opportunity I relish and feel very grateful to have.”

A winner of numerous best paper awards, Ghiselli’s research focuses on job satisfaction and turnover in the workplace, managerial behavior and ethics, performance evaluation, relationship between training and performance, and consumer needs and expectations in foodservice.

To read more about Ghiselli, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/HTM.
Like an archaeologist, Mary Louise Foster, BS ‘42, MS ‘54, is digging up artifacts from the last century of consumer and family sciences education. Her office in Matthews Hall is filled with treasures waiting to be identified and organized so she can turn them over to the Purdue Libraries Archives and Special Collections. Among the artifacts are yellowed newspaper clippings, photos of skirted co-eds hosting parties in the home management houses, recipes, handwritten grade books, publications, and other memorabilia documenting the evolution of consumer and family sciences at Purdue.

Foster retired from the Purdue faculty in 1986 and now works part-time as an academic advisor in the Department of Consumer Sciences and Retailing. With this latest project, she has the ability to impact even more students as she catalogues the past for future generations to discover.

New Director Joins Development Team

Susan Smith joined the college as its newest development director in October 2008. Prior to joining Purdue, she spent 30 years with Family Services Inc. in Lafayette as president and CEO. She also has served as an adjunct professor for Concordia University’s Health-care Administration program in Indianapolis.

“I feel privileged to have the opportunity to support our talented students and faculty by working with our generous alumni and friends to create endowed scholarships, graduate fellowships, and named professorships,” Smith says, “as well as completing Marriott and Hanley Halls.”

Smith can be reached at (800) 535-7303, (765) 494-7890, or smith628@purdue.edu.
A team of four students won $5,000 in scholarship money and interviews with Abbott Laboratories in the inaugural Abbott Nutrition Sales Competition, held at Purdue in February.

The event gave students an opportunity to experience a simulated sales call and to learn the science of enteral nutrition. Abbott Laboratories sponsored the competition and partnered with the Department of Consumer Sciences and Retailing and the Department of Foods and Nutrition.

Seven teams, each with 2 to 4 members, had 15 minutes to sell Glucerna 1.2, an Abbott nutritional enteral product designed for patients with diabetes or impaired glucose tolerance. Students made their sales pitch to two foods and nutrition graduate students who played the role of dietitians.

Teams were evaluated on their opening, their ability to probe the customer’s needs, use of sales materials, objection handling, and closing. Judges were Brian Rutherford, an assistant professor in Consumer Sciences and Retailing, and Abbott executives.

“The competition really opened my eyes as to what is out there for dietitians,” says Michelle Bojrab, a junior in dietetics and member of the first-place team. “Being able to sell a nutritional product is a skill that dietetics students don’t often get to experience in the classroom. It was really interesting to see how business can be used along with nutrition.”

Other members of the winning team were Laura Griggs, a junior in dietetics; Stephanie Martinez, a junior in selling and sales management; and Alli Parker, a junior in retail management. The team believes they were successful because of the balance between sales and nutrition.

“Stephanie and I were able to help Laura and Michelle with sales, and they were able to explain to us information about nutrition and dietetics,” says Parker. “The four of us met with our sales professor to strategize our pitch and once we put it all together, we presented it to the nutrition professor. We needed to know what we were talking about.”

Second place and $3,000 in scholarships went to selling and sales management seniors Lauren Sramek, Sarah Bradbury, Darcy Ralls, and Antonio Lerma.

Finishing third and receiving $1,000 in scholarships was the team of Sara Pierle, a senior in dietetics; Trent Wisheit, a senior in nutrition, fitness, and health; Cassondra Desmonds, a senior in retail management; and Bee Ai Lee, a senior in selling and sales management.

### Indiana Family Organizations Honored

Three Indiana programs have been recognized by the College of Consumer and Family Sciences with its 2009 Inspiring Families and Building Communities Award. The annual award honors organizations in the state that have a direct impact on the community and improve the lives of families.

The Family Enrichment Series, a program of Right Relations Inc. in Fort Wayne, was awarded first place and $1,500 cash. Finalists were Ryan’s Place in Goshen and the Caring Parents Program in Bartholomew County. Each finalist received $500.

The Family Enrichment Series works to help parents build and maintain stable relationships with each other and their children. It is a value-based educational program that works with families dealing with troubled marriages and/or divorce, teen parents, and teaches married parents how to maintain and improve their relationship.

To read about the 2009 recipients, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/IFBCaward. Nominations for the 2010 award will be available on the Web site in early 2010.
**Award Recognizes Innovative Teaching**

When a student asks a question in Professor SooCheong (Shawn) Jang’s class, he or she is likely to be answered with another question. “I consider it my duty to encourage students to think critically and analytically about issues,” says Jang, associate professor in the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management (HTM). “This way of thinking helps them develop. Instead of directly answering students, I ask them ‘why’ to motivate them to think deeply and logically.”

This spring, Jang received the 2009 Mary L. Matthews Undergraduate Teaching Award. On the faculty since 2005, Jang’s student evaluations are consistently high, and last year he earned the Bruce I. Lazarus Teaching Award in HTM.

He teaches undergraduate courses in hospitality accounting and finance, subjects that can be challenging for many students. To help students understand the material, Jang has made significant efforts to develop and refine the coursework, such as creating team-based activities that motivate students to learn from each other.

“An enthusiastic student is an effective student,” Jang says. “A teacher needs to be patient and understand that it will require repeating the same concept and using different methods of conveying the concept until the entire class understands the material,” he says. “Most students in the financial accounting class start with no knowledge of the subject but they end up with a solid foundation.”

Jang’s enthusiasm for teaching and genuine concern for his students is apparent. He will travel with students this summer on a study abroad trip to Korea and Japan.

“Enthusiasm is the most important attribute to be a good teacher because a teacher’s energy passes to their students.” He adds, “I think a great teacher is not just a teacher but also a friend who is willing to listen to students and to help them learn new things in effective ways.”

For more information on Professor Jang, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/HTM.

**Hanley and Marriott Halls Update**

Work will begin this summer on the $10 million Bill and Sally Hanley Hall to be located adjacent to Fowler House. Together, the two buildings will house the new Human Development Institute. Areas within the two buildings will include the Department of Child Development and Family Studies, the Center for Families, the Military Family Research Institute, and the Center on Aging and the Life Course. Hanley Hall, designed by VOA Associates, is scheduled for completion in fall 2010.

Construction on the $12 million Marriott Hall to house the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management is set to begin in March 2010. CSO Architects of Indianapolis is designing the building that will be located between State and First streets across from Matthews Hall. Construction is expected to be completed in September 2011.

**NEWS BRIEFS**

The Department of Foods and Nutrition announced recipients of its 2009 Hall of Fame award. They are Annie Watts Cloncs, BS ’69; April Mason, Ph.D.’84; Patsy Mellott, BS ’69; Sandra Nanos Moreale, BS ’79; and Janet Maxwell Roseland, BS ’77. To read more about this year’s winners, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/FN.

The CFS Student Council is accepting donations for its annual Silent Auction held in the CFS tent during Homecoming. They money raised supports the council’s Mary Louise Foster Scholarship. The council is especially interested in theme baskets, Purdue items, athletic tickets, and vacation packages. Contact Betsy Thompson at (765) 494-8533 or bthompson@purdue.edu. Items need to be received by September 18.

Purdue hosted Opera- tion Purple, a summer camp for children of military parents, on campus May 31–June 6. This is the second year that the Military Family Research Institute and the Department of Health and Kinesiology have teamed up to bring the camp to West Lafayette. The camp is geared for kids ages 10–15 whose parents are deployed or are scheduled for deployment. It provides skills to cope with the stress of a deployment and an opportunity to make friends with others in similar situations. Visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/mfri/op.

A fact sheet on how to select, prepare, and store summer produce is available from the CFS Extension Web site. The publication also includes great summer recipes. To download the fact sheet, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/extension.

An alumni survey was conducted in fall 2008 to assist in measuring learning outcomes, creating meaningful opportunities for alumni, evaluating current curriculum, and advising current and prospective students of potential careers. CFS administration was particularly interested in hearing from young alumni in an effort to measure the college’s competency areas. Less than 3 percent of survey respondents graduated prior to 2003. To see a copy of the survey results, contact Denise Buhmester, director of external relations, at (800) 535-7303 or dmbuhmester@purdue.edu.
Tim McEnery opened his first Cooper’s Hawk Winery & Restaurant in Orland Park, Illinois, at the age of 29. As the founder and CEO of Cooper’s Hawk, he now has three additional wineries and restaurants located in Burr Ridge, Wheeling, and South Barrington, Illinois.

Each one combines an upscale casual restaurant, full-service bar, winery, wine tasting room, and retail gift store. When the first location opened in March 2005, it was one of only three establishments of its kind in the country.

Prior to opening his first winery and restaurant, McEnery consulted with professors to review and analyze his unique upscale dining concept. He says Purdue was instrumental to his success.

“Purdue provided me with the tools, relationships, degree, and confidence to be successful both personally and professionally.”

Within its first year of operation, Cooper’s Hawk entered four wines into the International Taster’s Guild Competition — winning gold, silver, and bronze medals. To compliment his handcrafted wines, McEnery developed a signature menu for his restaurants with a variety of dishes that pair perfectly with the winery’s creations.

“Although we’ve built a great 4-unit restaurant and winery company, I feel like we’re just getting warmed up,” he says. “I’m thrilled about the future of our company and am having the time of my life!”

Throughout the year, Cooper’s Hawk participates in many local fundraisers and charity events such as the Annual Chef Auction for Breast Cancer Awareness and the Taste of Orland Park Days. In January 2009, Cooper’s Hawk had the honor of pouring the First Lady’s toast at the Illinois State Society’s Inaugural Gala in Washington, DC.
Working out of a gutted 1962 Airstream trailer, Danny Sizemore serves up bistro-style food on the streets of Seattle, Washington. Described as “the best $10 meal you’ve ever had” by Seattle Weekly, the menu is edgy, eclectic, and seasonal.

Sizemore is a chef and co-founder of Skillet Street Food. After outfitting the classic silver trailer with a full commercial kitchen, they began their bistro-on-wheels business in August 2007. Traveling from neighborhood to neighborhood, they dish out breakfast and lunch to an increasingly devoted following.

Skillet’s restaurant concept and cuisine, which helped start the latest trend in street food, has been featured in numerous publications including USA Today, Time, Food & Wine, and Sunset magazine.

“Running Skillet is like opening a restaurant for the first time every day,” says Sizemore, who enjoyed cooking at the HTM Café and at the President’s Residence under Chef Behnke’s direction while attending Purdue.

In addition to running Skillet, Sizemore is a skilled territory sales representative with eight years experience in the sales and service of commercial foodservice equipment. He currently works for RHI Solutions as an independent manufacturer representative for more than 20 companies.

When he isn’t devoting himself to RHI and his roving restaurant business, Sizemore contributes to FareStart, a culinary job training and placement program for homeless and disadvantaged individuals.

Sizemore sees education as a great foundation for life-long learning. “Establishing relationships with students and staff at Purdue prepared me to begin and build relationships with others in the business world.”

As a freshman majoring in youth, adult, and family services, Erin Taylor Slater founded the Purdue chapter of College Mentors for Kids in 1998. The organization pairs youth with local college student mentors for weekly activities that introduce youth to higher education.

“Through my mentoring experiences at Purdue, I was able to see firsthand what providing children with positive opportunities can do to their self-esteem and their desire to learn,” she says.

After serving as the student organization’s president for four years, she continued with College Mentors for Kids after graduation as program director. She oversaw 13 college chapters and initiated seven new chapters. After being promoted to vice president of development in 2004, she secured funding for the $1.2 million budget.

Named CEO in 2007, Slater now oversees nearly 1,000 college student volunteers and 1,000 at-risk children at 20 colleges and universities. In just two years as CEO, she has increased staff capacity, secured the organization’s first $100,000 gift from an individual donor, and increased service by 17 percent from 2007 to 2008.

In 2008, Indianapolis Business Journal recognized her in their “40 Under 40” class, and she received the Torchbearer Award in Youth Mentoring from the Indiana Commission for Women. In 2007, she received Indianapolis’ Best and Brightest Award in the Education and Non-Profit category.

Slater says who she is today and what she has achieved is founded in student leadership. “Purdue was a truly transformational experience,” she says. “I would never have dreamed that I would one day be the CEO of the nonprofit organization I was involved with as a student at Purdue.”
COMMUNITY SERVICE

This award recognizes alumni for demonstrated leadership ability in their community, either by developing or making significant contributions to programs that enhance quality of life for families and communities.

Debbie Myers Cook uses her financial planning skills to enhance the lives of others. As a certified financial planner, she believes that each client’s peace of mind and financial security must be her ultimate goal.

After graduation, Cook used her foods and nutrition degree at the National Dairy Council and in product development at Fantasy Flavors and Universal Flavors. As a single parent with three daughters to educate, Cook decided to pursue a second career as a financial planner in 1984 — a time when few women held positions in banking and finance.

Cook recalls interviewing at Dean Witter. “After reviewing my resume, the senior vice president had a few reservations about hiring me. He asked, ‘What makes you think you can do this?’ I told him, ‘I believe in myself, and I know I can talk to women about money.’ ”

While working as a stockbroker at Dean Witter and then as a bank investment officer, she completed a two-year program to earn the certified financial planner designation in 1989. Today, she is an independent financial planner, helping her clients with their financial goals focusing on retirement and estate planning.

“My CFS degree gave me a start in the food industry and accommodated my change into the financial world.”

A leader and volunteer, Cook’s involvement includes the Indiana 4-H Foundation Board, Mortar Board of Central Indiana, and she is the past president of the Financial Planning Association. She is a member of Purdue’s Center for Families Advisory Council and served on the College of Consumer and Family Sciences Alumni Board from 2002–08.

FRIEND OF PURDUE

This award honors those who have made significant contributions to the advancement of CFS through personal or professional influence, service, or financial support.

At the age of 30, entrepreneur and German immigrant Gerald Paul co-founded Paul Harris Stores with partner Earl Harris in 1954. What followed was the beginning of a retail legend.

“The story of Gerald Paul’s founding and growing a major national retailer is the story of America,” says Richard Feinberg, a professor in the Department of Consumer Sciences and Retailing. “He came to the United States for freedom and found that with freedom came economic opportunity for him and others.”

With his oversight and hands-on approach to merchandising and management, Paul Harris Stores continuously evolved and expanded to become one of the leading specialty retailers of women’s apparel and accessories. Paul believed women in the Midwest needed access to apparel that made them look and feel better without having to travel to New York or Chicago. At its peak in 1990, there were 378 stores in 37 states. Although Paul Harris Stores are no longer in the malls, the impact of Paul Harris lives on in the national chains that adopted Paul’s retail strategy.

Paul retired as CEO of Paul Harris Stores in 1995 but continues to share his retail experience and knowledge with students as an adjunct professor in the Department of Consumer Sciences and Retailing. He and his wife, Dorit, also have established an undergraduate scholarship for a retail management student.

For his many contributions to the nation, Indiana, and Purdue, the University awarded him an honorary doctorate in 1998. His book, My Business Life Cycle: How Innovation, Evolution, and Determination Made Paul Harris Great, was published by Purdue University Press in 2007. Recently, Paul was inducted to the Central Indiana Junior Achievement Hall of Fame for his business leadership and contributions to the cultural life of Indianapolis.
Research Jennifer Dobbs believes story time is a golden opportunity to help children develop reading skills.

“When we think of reading, the traditional bedtime story where the child cuddles next to the parent and then falls asleep as he is read to usually comes to mind,” says Dobbs, an assistant professor in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies. “That’s a beautiful picture, and it has its place, but from a learning perspective it’s kind of like reading as a tranquilizer.”

Instead, Dobbs recommends dialogic reading, a technique that promotes conversation, or dialogue, between the adult reader and child.

“Dialogic reading encourages input from the child and makes story time more of a conversation,” says Dobbs. “We know that when parents and teachers read this way, kids learn new information more quickly and retain ideas better.”

In 2006–07, Dobbs developed the Ready to Read program as part of her research to evaluate literacy and track whether reading success correlates with children’s social and emotional development. Additionally, she explored whether this reading technique would be successful if used by someone who wasn’t a parent or caregiver, such as a community volunteer. Funding was provided by the Center for Families and volunteer support by the Purdue Women’s Club.

During this phase, 68 preschoolers from three Tippecanoe County Child Care facilities and two KinderCare Learning Centers participated in small 15-minute reading groups conducted by community volunteers.

Dobbs recruited more than 100 community volunteers to read weekly or monthly to the children, ages 3-5. During 90-minute training sessions, the volunteers learned to engage children throughout story time by encouraging their input. Volunteers learned the importance of asking questions with concrete answers as well as broad, open-ended questions that allow children to decide what they want to talk about.

“When kids play with language, they acquire skills that help them learn to be better readers” says Dobbs. “Years of research tell us that reading with young children is one of the most important activities for helping them develop the skills they will need to learn to read and to succeed in school.”

Originally organized as a research project, Ready to Read is now used to promote literacy in local preschools. Since the study’s conclusion, the local school corporation has opted to continue the program in area preschools to help prepare children be better prepared for success in school.

In April, Dobbs conducted a train-the-trainer workshop for Extension educators across the state so they can teach others how to use dialogic reading techniques.

“This is part of an effort to expand the training and learning opportunities available throughout the state so more people will learn about and use these techniques,” she says.

“When I developed Ready to Read, I had no idea the program would take off like it has and continue well past the research phase.”
If you could look up the definition of “hard worker” in the dictionary, you’d find a description of Derek Herrmann. In addition to a long list of involvement in student organizations, study abroad, and internships, Herrmann worked during the school year, summers, and holidays to help pay college expenses — all while making Dean’s List/Semester Honors every semester.

“Since I work, take a full course load, and am involved in leadership positions in student organizations, I make sure I’m able to devote myself to the task at hand before committing to it,” he says.

He is an active member of the CFS Student Council and serves as a CFS Ambassador. He also was involved with HTM Society and the Purdue chapter of the National Society of Minorities in Hospitality.

He credits classes such as Hospitality and Tourism Marketing and Advanced Foodservice Management with providing real-world experiences that have prepared him to work in the hospitality industry. He completed internships at the Westin O’Hare in Rosemont, Illinois, and Echelon Resorts in Las Vegas, Nevada. He has also worked for the Westin Crown Center in Kansas City, Missouri, and the Murray Hotel on Mackinac Island, Michigan. During the winter breaks of his last two years, he sacrificed time off for finance and catering externships at the St. Regis Hotel in San Francisco.

“My internships have allowed me to put my knowledge and experience to good use in a professional setting,” says Herrmann. “These opportunities expanded my education outside of the classroom and will surely help me grow in my future career.”

Herrmann plans a career in marketing or brand development for a hotel in southern California. He hopes to someday return to school to earn an MBA in marketing or possibly a joint JD/MBA degree.
Those who know Leslie Henderson as a student and as a student teacher agree — her potential for success as a family and consumer sciences educator is excellent. Henderson spent her last semester at Purdue student teaching at a Lafayette area middle school and high school, balancing full-time teaching responsibilities with those of a student.

“I want to be a family and consumer sciences teacher because I love the content area,” says Henderson, who wants to teach middle or high school students in northwest Indiana. “I love being able to teach students something they will use for the rest of their lives.”

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

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

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

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

Setting goals, planning, and time management enabled Amy Conklin to secure numerous scholarships, leadership positions, and internships all while pursuing a double major.

“The scholarships sponsored by many gracious donors have allowed me to dream big and take advantage of once-in-a-lifetime opportunities,” says Conklin, recipient of 12 scholarships. “My experience shows planning and time management can have tremendous benefits when applying for funding.”

Knowing that leadership activities and work experiences provide critical learning opportunities, Conklin joined the CFS Student Council as a freshman and served as its president in her senior year. In addition, she helped promote the college as a CFS Ambassador. She also was active in the Foods and Nutrition Society and as a student representative to the Foods and Nutrition Teaching Committee. Conklin participated in the CFS Honors program and Purdue Foundation Student Board. Since 2006, she worked as an F&N teaching and research lab assistant.

She built upon her Purdue experiences by interning with The Ohio State University Extension. She followed with an internship in Nutrition Research at the National Dairy Council/Dairy Management Incorporated.

“Through my internships, I have realized that a variety of perspectives, opinions, and work styles can tremendously impact the success of a project, program, or organization,” says Conklin, who plans to complete a dietetic internship to become a registered dietitian.

Ultimately she hopes to pursue graduate work and become an extension educator or a registered dietitian within a community health setting.
As a dance instructor at the Morton Community Center, Elizabeth Day enjoys sharing her enthusiasm for dance with the young children in her classes.

“As an instructor, dance has given me the opportunity to grow into a leader and share my passion with others,” says Day, who has been dancing since the age of 2. “I enjoy seeing success on a weekly basis in my students as they learn and master new skills, and I love helping build their confidence.”

Her love for teaching led Day to make a commitment after graduation to Teach For America. After an intensive training program this summer, she will begin a two-year teaching assignment at an elementary in a low-income North Carolina community. Teach For America strives to eliminate educational inequality and close the achievement gap in urban and public schools where children are at risk for failure.

“It’s important to me to use the skills and opportunities I have been given to improve the lives of others,” says Day, who hopes to start a dance program at the school.

When she completes her two-year teaching experience with Teach For America, she plans to attend graduate school to pursue a master’s degree in education, school counseling, or social work.

While at Purdue, Day was involved in the University Honors Program, Dance 2XS, study abroad, Boiler Gold Rush, and the President’s Leadership Class.

When Casey Hentrup read an article in the Exponent stating there was no finance major at Purdue, she couldn’t believe it. At the time, she was a teaching assistant for CSR 100, an introductory class on Consumer Sciences and Retailing. After sharing the article with her students, she led the class in writing a letter of response to the paper.

“I wanted the students to believe in and become passionate about something they would spend the next four years striving to obtain — a degree in financial counseling and planning,” says Hentrup.

As a member of the department’s Professional Development Council, she networked with industry representatives to bring companies to campus for the annual Consumer Sciences and Retailing Career Conference. She also served as treasurer for the Purdue chapter of Collegiate Financial Planners.

She spent a month in Mexico studying global consumer behavior and marketing and a summer in London at the Foundation for International Education to study business.

“I’ve been able to gain an incredible amount of cultural experience, making me more aware and understanding of people who are different from me,” says Hentrup.

Hentrup wants to begin a career in corporate finance and plans to earn her certified financial planner designation. She eventually hopes to attend law school for estate planning and open her own financial planning practice with a focus on helping farm families.
Be Our Guest!

HTM Society hosted its 11th annual Black Tie Dinner on April 4 in the Purdue Memorial Union ballroom. A staff of over 75 students was involved in planning and implementing the dinner, which served 168 guests. Proceeds support professional development opportunities for students in HTM Society.

Creating Connections

Nearly 30 companies came to campus for the Consumer Sciences and Retailing Career Conference on February 10-11. The event included a career fair, interviews, and ample opportunities for networking with company reps. Students in the department’s Professional Development Council organize the annual conference.
Beyond Our Borders

Students (and CFS alumni too!) were busy traveling on study abroad programs this semester. Destinations included Portugal, China, Colombia, and France (all pictured) as well as Dubai, Oman, Argentina, Chile, and the United Kingdom. For information on study abroad programs, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/studyabroad.

Spring Fest

When yellow and white tents pop up as quickly as dandelions, you know it’s time for Spring Fest! CFS Ambassador Jennifer Nestleroad works a booth in the CFS tent at the annual event on April 18-19.
From Classroom to Catwalk

From the pages of their sketchbooks, 80 student designers brought their artistic vision to life for the annual Spring Fashion Show on April 4. Two shows were held at Ross-Ade Pavilion, attracting a crowd of more than 1450 people. Students spend most of the school year not only designing the clothes but also planning the show. They are responsible for planning logistics, publicity, selecting music, staging, and selecting and training models. Profits from the show support scholarships and awards.

Honors Research

Eleven seniors in the CFS Honors program presented their research projects at the annual CFS Honors Colloquium on April 19. Above, Chelsea Kingston, foods and nutrition, talks with Professor Jim Elicker. At left, Amber Riggen, foods and nutrition, describes her research project.
Felker Series

C. Perry Yeatman (above), an author and expert on women and international careers, headlined the 2009 Felker Leadership Series on April 17. Several speakers explored international influences in our lives, the professional advantages of a global perspective, and ways to pursue experiences overseas. Those in attendance included (at left) Debbie Myers Cook, BS ’67, and (at right) Foods and Nutrition Outstanding Senior Amy Conklin.

Tse Global Scholars Reception

Student Joe Gould shares mementos from his study abroad trip to Colombia with John Tse at a reception for the 2009 Tse Scholars, held April 28. Tse and his wife, Emma, established the Tse Fund for Global Scholars in the college to support study abroad with up to $20,000 in scholarships awarded annually. Gould, who says he couldn’t have made the trip without the scholarship, traveled with Ambassadors for Children to Cartagena over spring break. There, he helped with a construction project at a school and taught English to young children.
Barbara Anson Hoover, BS ’63, Monticello, Indiana, retired from teaching in 2002. She now cares for her 5-year-old granddaughter and an older sister.

Martha Boyd Alford, BS ’68, Zionsville, Indiana, and her husband, Joseph (’66 Purdue grad), celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on June 15, 2008. According to Martha, they are one of two couples who ended up marrying after meeting at the first televised computer match dance held at Purdue in 1964.

Nancy Main Cunningham, BS ’70, Bradenton, Florida, co-owns Design Elements.

Rebecca Price McKinney, BS ’70, Kaneohe, Hawaii, and her husband, Ed (BS ’69, MS ’83 Purdue grad), have retired to their dream home in Hawaii. Rebecca and Ed are retired from McKinney’s Flowers and Eli Lilly, respectively.

Barbara Mangin McBride, BS ’72, Evansville, Indiana, was included in Who’s Who Among America’s Teachers for 2005–06. She is an adjunct faculty member for Ivy Tech Community College in Evansville.

Patricia L. Stadel, BS ’73, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, was named a life trustee of the Lancaster Museum of Art.

Peggy Stemle, BS ’73, Owensboro, Kentucky, has retired from teaching middle school after 32 years.

Patricia Hermesch Gray, BS ’74, Indianapolis, Indiana, retired after 33 years as a registered dietitian at the Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Barbara Dilley Hanauer, BS ’75, Bloomfield, Indiana, has baked 10,000 cookies and given them away every year since 1993. She stays active, walking four to eight miles daily and competing in 5k walks. In 2007, she logged 2,538 miles.

Sandra Ribordy Lee, BS ’75, La Porte, Indiana, is the owner and director of Lee Family Day Care.

Susan Moore Bliss, BS ’76, is owner of GoBlissTravel.com.

Cynthia Stath, BS ’78, Bloomington, Indiana, was promoted to chief operating officer for Girl Scouts of Tulip Trace Council Inc., which serves 15 counties in southern Indiana.
E. J. Thomas Byrnes, BS ’88, West Lafayette, Indiana, and her husband, William, spend their winters in Arizona.

Lolita Jackson McAfee, BS ’88, MS ’92, Algonquin, Illinois, gave birth to Callan Andrew on February 16, 2008. She is a consultant with Arbonne International.

1990–99

Jennifer Favo McGowan, BS ’91, Cedar Park, Texas, and her husband, Robert (BS ’92, MS ’94 Purdue grad), welcomed Robert Finn on February 1, 2008.

Cammie Enloe Minniear, BS ’91, Edwardsburg, Michigan, married Tom Minniear on May 17 in Panama City Beach.

Sarah Salvo Moran, BS ’92, Ogden Dunes, Indiana, is a product control manager for ArcelorMittal USA. She and her husband, Frank, have a daughter, Cassandra, 7.

Debbie Isaacs Copeland, BS ’94, Kokomo, Indiana, completed her master’s in business administration from Indiana Wesleyan University in July 2008. She is a budget analyst for Chrysler LLC.

Jay Larkin, BS ’95, Malta, New York, is a technical specialist instructor at Schenectady County Community College. He and his wife, Heidi, have two children, Jack and Emma.

Holly Snider Worthman, BS ’95, Goschen, Indiana, works at Lippert Components Inc. as a manufacturing/design engineer.

Paige Michael Flowers, BS ’96, Bonita Springs, Florida, is a flight attendant with JetBlue Airways.

1990–99

Amy Masloob Haralson, BS ’96, Superior, Colorado, welcomed Kayleen Elizabeth on May 8, 2008. She joins big sisters, Annalie, 6, and Alyssa, 3.

Nicole Green Edwards, BS ’97, Marion, Indiana, and her husband, Shane (’99 Purdue grad), welcomed a daughter August 29, 2008.

Amy Booker Budka, BS ’98, Plymouth, Indiana, and her husband, Waylon, welcomed the birth of Lex Matthew on July 21, 2008.

Elizabeth Grenard Clemons, BS ’99, Indianapolis, Indiana, and her husband, Scott, welcomed Ella Michelle on March 27, 2008.

Misty Wade Hartke, BS ’99, MS ’00, Kokomo, Indiana, had her first child, a boy, on January 14, 2008.

Tim McEnery, BS ’99, Roselle, Illinois, is owner of Cooper’s Hawk Winery & Restaurants. Cooper’s Hawk had the honor of pouring the First Lady’s toast at the Illinois State Society’s Inaugural Gala in Washington, DC, on January 19. Cooper’s Hawk was the only Illinois winery highlighted at the event. McEnery owns four Cooper’s Hawk establishments, each one combining an upscale restaurant, full-service bar, winery, wine tasting room, and retail gift store. He recently received a 2009 Outstanding Young Professional Award from the CFS Alumni Board (see page 8).
Suzanne Premo, BS ’99, San Francisco, California, works at the Hyatt.

Angel Abshire Shadoff, BS ’99, Buckley, Michigan, accepted a position as a clinical dietitian at Mercy Hospital in Cadillac, Michigan. She also works as the maternal and infant health dietitian for the health department.

Thomas Whirlin, BS ’99, Elkhart, Indiana, is the assistant kitchen manager at the Blue Gate Restaurant.

2000–09

Erin Black, BS ’00, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, was honored as a “40 Under 40” by Sporting Goods Business. She is a casual footwear buyer with Dick’s Sporting Goods in Pittsburgh.

Laura Grothaus Butler, BS ’00, Lafayette, Indiana, was promoted at Benefits Associates to director of account management.

Natalie Huber Harl, BS ’00, Meridian, Idaho, is the director of sales for Interstate Hotels and Resorts in Boise.

Kristin Wood Norris, BS ’00, Indianapolis, Indiana, welcomed Jacob Thomas on July 10, 2008. Kristin is on the faculty at Indiana University.

Erin Thornburg, BS ’00, Chicago, Illinois, is a manager with Smith Bucklin.

Erin Cheney, BS 01, Greenfield, Indiana, is an application specialist, CDIA+ with Sharp Business Systems of Indianapolis.

Sheri Dunn-Ramsay, MS ’01, Lafayette, Indiana, works for Purdue’s Military Family Research Institute as a training specialist.

Brice Hiner, BS ’01, Chicago, Illinois, is a national accounts manager for Lyon Workspace Products.

Amanda Nye Bradford, BS ’02, Fishers, Indiana, is a ‘domestic engineer’ for the Bradford household. She and her husband, Ryan, have two children, Lukas, 4, and Kaleb, 2.

Beth Phares Deutsch, BS ’02, McCordsville, Indiana, and her husband, Mike (’01 Purdue grad), welcomed Victoria May on October 14, 2008. She joins Tyler, 2.

Traci Sietsma Enstrom, BS ’02, Rincon, Georgia, married Shawn Enstrom, (’03 Purdue grad), on September 22 in Hobart, Indiana.

Kristy Knoll Lyda, BS ’02, Atlanta, Georgia, married Holt Lyda on May 24, 2008. Kristy is a senior designer for women’s retail and team product at Russell Athletic.

Jennifer Moon, BS ’02, Phoenix, Arizona, and her husband, Derek, welcomed Taylor Megan on August 17, 2008.

Angela Janik Pribyl, BS ’02, Youngsville, North Carolina, and her husband, Frank, welcomed their first child, Mary Lynn, on September 6, 2008.

Sarah Goecker Smith, BS ’02, Delavan, Wisconsin, and her husband, David, welcomed their first child in March 2009. She is a sales manager at the Lake Lawn Resort.

Robyn Andrews, BS ’03, Plymouth, Minnesota, is a technical designer for Target.

Jeffrey Bockmiller, BS ’03, Houston, Texas, is a contract manager for VAM USA.

Kier Crites, BS ’03, Lafayette, Indiana, recently accepted a sales manager position at the University Plaza Hotel.

TJ Johnson, BS ’03, Indianapolis, Indiana, and his wife, Leah Harvey-Johnson (’03 Purdue grad), welcomed baby Boilermaker Kenley Rae on March 20, 2009.

Leslie Kerns, BS ’03, Smithville, Missouri, welcomed Grant Ryan, on February 5, 2008.

Erik Moore, MS ’03, Lafayette, Indiana, and his wife, Susan (’03 Purdue grad), had a baby girl, Alli Marie, on October 20, 2008. Eric is a teacher at McCutcheon High School.

Jennifer Stover Calhoun, BS ’04, Warsaw, Indiana, and her husband welcomed Gracelyn Michelle on June 20, 2008.

Sarah Jones Enlow, BS ’04, Fishers, Indiana, and her husband, Brian, welcomed Addison Grace on April 15, 2008.
Andrea Baumer Wright, BS ‘04, Dayton, Ohio, and her husband, Ryan (’03 Purdue grad), had a baby boy, Luke Ryan, on August 21, 2008. Andrea is a student enrollment manager at Wright State University.

Emilie FitzSimons, BS ‘04, Palm Coast, Florida, is a manager at Bob Evans.

Joshua Alexander, BS ‘05, San Antonio, Texas, was married December 6, 2008. He currently serves in the United States Air Force.

Jennifer McLane Anderson, BS ‘05, West Lafayette, Indiana, is a registered dietitian at St. Elizabeth Diabetes Center. She gave birth to Larkin John on October 14, 2008.

Brooke Baker, MS ‘05, North Venice, Florida, just completed a doctorate in early childhood special education.

Tania Forsman, BS ‘05, Plainfield, Illinois, is a special education teacher at Center Cass School District #66.

Lisa Kuhn Halstead, BS ‘05, Kenosha, Wisconsin, married Steven Halstead (’05 Purdue grad) on September 20.

Celestino Ruffini, BS ‘05, Galena, Illinois, is sales director for the Galena/Jo Daviess County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

Lisa Lachmund Schieler, BS ‘06, Battleground, Indiana, and her husband, Alex (’05 Purdue grad) welcomed Ethan Bradley on June 7, 2008.


Lydia Durbin Wolheter, BS ‘06, Wolcottville, Indiana, and her husband, Neal, (’06 Purdue grad), welcomed their daughter, Reese JoLee, on August 29, 2008.

Nicole McConnell Enverga, BS ‘07, Carol Stream, Illinois, works for the Ray Graham Association for People with Disabilities. She was married on June 7, 2008.

Amy Moore Fisher, BS ‘07, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and her husband, Randy, welcomed their first child in April 2009. Amy is the director of human resources/sale manager at Advanced Healthcare.

Whitney Heavrin Fontaine, BS ‘07, Louisville, Kentucky, married Matt Fontaine on June 27, 2008.

Abigail Mowery, BS ‘07, Somerville, Massachusetts, was selected to be a UNICEF ambassador for her company, DHL. She traveled to Kenya in November as part of her assignment.

Megan Staley, BS ‘07, Cary, North Carolina, is a project coordinator for Universal Meeting Management in Raleigh.

Sarah Murphy Stout, BS ’07, Buffalo Grove, Illinois, married Daniel Stout on November 15, 2008.

Karin Brown, BS ‘08, Lafayette, Indiana, is an event planner with Purdue University.

Michele Damitio, BS ’08, Prattville, Alabama, is the executive’s assistant/interpreter for Honda Lock of America.

Katie Fenn, BS ’08, Fort Worth, Texas, works for Lockheed Martin Missiles and Fire Control as a subcontractor administrative assistant in purchasing and analyzing.

Katie Hankins, BS ’08, Laguna Niguel, California, works for AKM Consulting Engineers in Irvine.

Bridget McClatchey, BS ’08, Falcon Heights, Minnesota, is the senior technologist for dairy foods research and development (cheese growth) at Land O’ Lakes Inc. She is working on a master’s in food chemistry and nutrition at the University of Minnesota.

Mary Beth Lameka Chapel, BS ‘01, Chicago, Illinois, and her husband, Chris Chapel (’89 Purdue grad), celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary on December 29, 2008. Mary Beth is a renal dietitian at Fresenius Medical Care at the Northwestern Memorial Hospital campus.

Rachel Rodnick, BS ‘08, Orland Park, Illinois, is the manager of Hollister Co. at Orland Square Mall.

OBITUARIES

Professor Emerita Margaret Boyle Conte, Las Vegas, Nevada, died November 11, 2008, at the age of 89. She joined the Purdue faculty in 1965 as professor and head of the Department of Consumer Sciences and Retailing. After serving in World War II from 1972 to 1974 as an officer in the USNR Waves, she returned to Purdue as associate dean of the College of Consumer and Family Sciences, a position she held until 1977. Upon her retirement in 1986, she became involved in community service, volunteering with the Are IV Council on Aging, the Lafayette Senior Center, and the Purdue Retiree Association.

Blanche Mellinger Riddle, BS ‘31, Goshen, Indiana, died January 2, 2009, at the age of 99 — just four days before her 100th birthday. After graduating with majors in mathematics, chemistry, and home economics, she taught high school mathematics and home economics in Covington, Newtown, and Syracuse. After World War II, the family settled in Goshen, where she raised four children and worked in her husband’s dental practice as a bookkeeper and dental assistant.

Carolyn Laird Engdahl, BS ‘42, Jeffersonville, Indiana, died August 17, 2008. She taught and was the chair of the home economics department at Jeffersonville High School until her retirement. She lived for many years in Venice, Florida, and returned to Jeffersonville in 2004.
2009

**July 11**

**Purdue Day in Chicago**

Chicago-area alumni and friends are invited to join us at the Art Institute of Chicago. Visit www.purdue.edu/events.

**July 22–26**

**Hotel Terra Jackson Hole Getaway**

The college is hosting a trip to Hotel Terra near Jackson Hole, Wyoming, on July 22–26 for alumni and friends. Visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/hotelterra.

**August 7**

**Purdue Day at the Indiana State Fair**

Spend a day at the fair with Purdue and CFS! For a complete agenda of the day’s events, visit www.purdue.edu/events/state_fair.

**September 19**

**Family Day**

Family Day is an opportunity for families to join their students on campus. The college hosts a reception where parents and students can meet Dean Dennis Savaiano and talk with professors and academic advisors. Visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/events.

**September 21–22**

**HTM Career Day**

The two-day career fair includes a reception for company representatives, faculty, and HTM seniors, a breakfast, keynote address and luncheon, exhibits, and interviewing opportunities for internships and full-time employment. Visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/HTM/undergrad/career_day.shtml.

**September 25–26**

**President’s Council Annual Weekend**

CFS will host a luncheon for CFS Dean’s Club members during PC Annual Weekend. The Boilermakers will play Notre Dame. Invitations will be mailed in August. Visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/events.

**October 2–3**

**CFS Festive Friday and Purdue Homecoming**

Mark your calendars to spend Homecoming in West Lafayette as the Boilermakers take on Northwestern. Look for your invitation in August. Visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/events.

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Works of Art

The children’s programs in Child Development and Family Studies hosted Lafayette artist Sunny Miller in April and May as an artist-in-residence. With a focus on families, the program provided creative opportunities for children to express ideas and feelings about their families and for teaching staff to explore new directions in art education. Here, Miller helps children in the Child Development Laboratory Preschool complete an art project to be displayed at the family night open house.