Reading, Writing, and School Readiness

The preschool years are recognized as a critical time to help children get ready for school, and research indicates that quality pre-kindergarten programs are especially beneficial for children at risk for school failure because of poverty, disability, and language differences. Without intervention, at-risk children typically enter kindergarten behind their more advantaged peers, and the gap in achievement continues to persist through the elementary years and beyond.

“This is a huge problem, especially in Indiana, where the high school graduation rate is only 75 percent,” says Karen Diamond, professor in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies. “If a child can’t read by third grade, it’s likely they won’t finish high school. By fourth grade, they’re not teaching ‘reading’ anymore; it’s become a tool for learning.”

Diamond and her colleague, Distinguished Professor Douglas Powell, are conducting two major studies aimed at determining effective ways to promote school readiness in the preschool years. Classroom Links to Early Literacy and Children’s School Success focus on professional development and curriculum-based interventions and are supported by more than $3.5 million in federal grants.
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More than 360 students graduated in May with degrees from the College of Consumer and Family Sciences. While their lives as college students are ending, their roles as professionals in the consumer and family sciences are just beginning, as are their roles as CFS alumni.

These new graduates will join approximately 22,000 CFS alumni who are a vital force in the life of our college. Each year, we honor several alumni for outstanding contributions to their profession, community, and Purdue. The 2007 CFS Alumni Award recipients have made a significant and positive impact in the areas of nutrition, family finance, and family and consumer sciences education. They were honored at our annual awards dinner in April — you can read about all five distinguished winners beginning on page 9.

We also recognized a graduating senior from each department for their scholarship, leadership, and service to others. We wish these Outstanding Seniors (featured on pages 12–13) and all of our graduating seniors the best as they begin this new chapter in their lives.

Each year, the students in our college continue to impress me with their intelligence, questioning minds, and determination to succeed. In April, we recognized 746 CFS students at the University Honors Convocation. This achievement requires that a student qualify for the Dean’s List or earn Semester Honors at least one semester during the year. After the convocation, the college hosted a reception for honored students and their families in conjunction with a CFS Honors Colloquium. The poster session featured the honors research projects of 11 seniors in the CFS Honors program. Each of these students completed at least six credit hours of honors research while maintaining an overall GPA of at least 3.2, and all graduated with honors.

In this issue, we also recognize the many alumni, friends, and corporate partners who extend their generosity to support the college’s mission and goals. Without this financial support, it would be difficult if not impossible to advance our strategic plan, especially as it relates to supporting students, faculty, and facilities. This is why we recognize the importance of and deeply appreciate each gift.

This year, we have asked some of our donors to tell us how they chose to support CFS and why giving back — and giving to CFS — is so important to them. You can read these inspiring profiles in the 2005–06 Honor Roll that begins on page 17.

Finally, I want to thank our many alumni and friends who (despite the unseasonably chilly weather) returned to campus for Gala Weekend in April. It was wonderful to see and catch up with so many of you. Have a wonderful summer, and Hail Purdue!
School Readiness

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“Our goal is to help prepare children for success in school on day one,” Powell says. “Reading is a critical skill for school success, so we focused on literacy and language skills in preschool programs serving low-income children.”

Through Classroom Links to Early Literacy, lead teachers in Head Start classrooms in 11 Indiana counties receive individual coaching twice a month by an early literacy expert from Purdue. The coaching, available in-person or by video, can help teachers implement effective ways to integrate literacy and language activities into the classroom.

“We know that most preschool boys love playing with blocks, so forcing them to spend their free time in the reading corner probably isn’t going to be successful,” Powell says. “But maybe if we move some books and paper to the blocks area and a teacher provides guidance on how to use these tools, these materials might be more interesting. The task is to figure out how we can infuse literacy into the classroom by adapting activities — and the expert coaching can help teachers recognize these opportunities.”

Since the study began in fall 2005, professional development strategies have been implemented in more than 80 Head Start classrooms. According to Powell, assessments are conducted on the children and classrooms are observed at the beginning of the school year, mid-year, and at year’s end.

He says preliminary results of the study, which ends in June, are promising. “Indications are that the intervention is having a positive effect in terms of teachers practicing early literacy opportunities in the classroom and also on children’s literacy and language skills.”

In the Children’s School Success project, the focus is on the curriculum rather than professional development. Focusing on academic and social skills, the curriculum promotes early learning among 4-year-olds who are at risk during the year before kindergarten.

To be successful in school, children must have a basic understanding of science, math, and literacy. The academic portion of the curriculum combines each of these learning areas into daily activities in the classroom. Social competency is also critical for success, and through large and small group activities, children learn about classroom rules, following directions, understanding emotions, controlling anger, and making friends.

The project evaluates the effects on children’s learning during the preschool year as well as the long-term effects in kindergarten, first, and second grade.

The five-year study is being conducted in 10–12 classrooms at each of five sites across the nation. Purdue’s portion of the project includes children enrolled in Head Start classrooms in Indiana. Researchers spend two years with each classroom — the first year is spent observing teachers and collecting data on the children; in the second, the curriculum intervention is implemented.

By the end of the study, currently in its fourth year, about 1,000 children in 100 classrooms will have been evaluated across the five sites. Purdue researchers will have followed 200 of those children from preschool through second grade.

“We now have information from more than 800 children in 60 classrooms about what they are learning at school,” says Diamond. “Preliminary data suggest that use of the curriculum results in different learning opportunities in preschool, gains in children’s language skills, and children’s development of more positive social behaviors.”

Diamond believes the success of both projects is due, in part, to the participants involved.

“The teachers we work with are committed to their kids, the profession, and to doing a better job of preparing children for school — and they’re open to new ideas,” she says. “We also have really talented coaches and early childhood specialists who are working directly with these teachers.”

Powell adds, “We know so much more today about promoting early literacy than we did even 10 years ago. It’s important we get that information to teachers in a useful way.”

For more information on early childhood research in Child Development and Family Studies, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/cdfs/pages/research/early_childhood_interventions.htm.
Betsy Thompson, CFS academic advisor, received the 2006–07 Outstanding New Professional Award from the Purdue Academic Advising Association (PACADA). An advisor in the college since 2004, she works mostly with students who are in transition — those undecided about a major or trying to transfer into or out of the college. She also is the CFS Student Council advisor and administrator for CFS scholarships.

“The basis for my philosophy of advising is very simple,” she says. “Each student who comes into my office is a unique individual.”

She strives to be accessible and to create a climate in which students can relax, ask questions, discuss concerns, and know that she is listening and focusing on them. At a recent conference, Thompson says a presenter made a point that really resonated with her.

“He said that although this generation of college students is technologically oriented, they are also crying out for someone to listen to them,” she says.

CFS Advisor Wins PACADA Outstanding New Professional Award

“Connecting with our advisees on a personal level and listening to what they have to say is so very important if we are to foster a relationship in which we can work together to help them reach their academic, career, and life goals.”

Thompson believes academic advising is a shared responsibility between the advisor and student, with her role being to support, encourage, teach, and challenge. She is committed to continuously increasing her knowledge about the advising profession, student development, major and career information, and Purdue resources.

“The connection between a student’s academic work and their interests, hopes, and dreams for the future is a vital one,” she says, “and the ultimate goal of the work we do together in our advising appointments.”

**NEWS BRIEFS**

- Sheryl Kline, associate professor in the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management, received the C.B. Smith Professorship of Hotel Management. A member of the Purdue faculty since 2001, she is director of the Center for the Study of Lodging Operations. Her research focuses on hotel operations with a particular interest in training and organizational issues. Recently, she has studied the impact of technology on lodging management and crisis management.

- The Center for Customer Driven Quality will team with American Teleservices Association, a not-for-profit trade association representing contact centers, to collect research and provide education on the more than 57,000 contact centers in the United States. “The center’s research, especially their benchmarking studies, is both innovative and beneficial to the growth of business,” says Tim Searcy, chief executive officer of the trade association. “Everyone wants accurate, timely, and relevant benchmarking information to improve operations in contact centers, and our partnership with Purdue delivers on that need.”

- The Department of Foods and Nutrition announced winners of its 2007 Hall of Fame Award. They are Paul Abernathy, Avanelle Kirksey, HDR ’97; Karen Konzelmann; Helen E. Clark, HDR ’94 (deceased); and Barbara Shannon, PhD ’71. The award honors those who have made a significant contribution to the fields of foods and nutrition or who have contributed to the growth and prominence of the department.

- The Hospitality and Tourism Management Web site is sporting a new look. You can visit the new site at www.cfs.purdue.edu/HTM.

- Purdue Homecoming will be October 26–27, and we hope you’ll join us in West Lafayette for a weekend full of fun activities. Look for your 2007 CFS Homecoming invitation, which will be mailed in August.

- The CFS Student Council is accepting donations for its annual Silent Auction held in the CFS tent during Homecoming. The money raised supports the council’s Mary Louise Foster Scholarship Fund, which typically awards two $1,500 scholarships. The council is especially interested in theme baskets, Purdue items, tickets to athletic events, and vacation packages. Interested donors should contact Betsy Thompson at (765) 494-8533 or bthompso@purdue.edu. Items need to be submitted by October 15.
Sara Lee Cooks Up Student Creativity with Innovation Award

Three teams of Purdue University students vied for a $10,000 top prize this spring during the Sara Lee Innovation Award competition. The objective was for students, working in teams, to create a new food item for Sara Lee based on the company’s existing product line.

“The Innovation Award represents more than just a large financial award,” says Connie Weaver, distinguished professor and head, Department of Foods and Nutrition. “It gives our students the chance to create a new product and follow it through from conception to development. The award provides students with real-world experience and allows them to receive valuable feedback from Sara Lee executives even if they don’t win the top prize.”

Students from the sophomore to graduate level in four departments were eligible, including foods and nutrition, hospitality and tourism management, agricultural and biological engineering, and food science. Of the 12 students who participated on the three final teams, eight were CFS students — four from foods and nutrition and four from hospitality and tourism management. On April 12, each team had 45 minutes to present its invention to a panel of judges composed of Sara Lee executives and Purdue professors. In addition to criteria to evaluate each item’s innovation and originality, products were judged on potential marketability. The teams had been working on their innovations since the award was announced in November.

The winning team developed a product called Sophisticated Swirl, an all-natural, reduced-calorie, cheese dessert. Team members are Katherine Gonzales, F&N senior; Whitney Prochno, HTM junior; Tiffany Schieber, HTM junior; and Brad Scholten, HTM junior.

Heidi Kleinbach-Sauter, senior vice president of Sara Lee Research and Development in North America, says Purdue was a natural choice as a partner for the competition. Cholton’s team took first-place honors.

The Purdue Selling Team retained the Sales Cup for the third year from the University of Louisville. The Sales Cup competition, a traditional rivalry between the two universities, is one of three competitions in which the Purdue Selling Team participates annually. Purdue’s team for this competition were (from left) Laura Brandenberger, Anastasia Goffinet, Greg Sporre, Jimmie Eloff, Colin O’Neal, and Matt Smith (kneeling). All students are selling and sales management majors.
Gilbert A. Leveille Receives Honorary PhD

With a distinguished career in nutrition spanning more than 50 years, Gilbert A. Leveille received an Honorary Doctor of Science degree from Purdue at May commencement. He is president of Leveille Associates and executive director of the Wrigley Science Institute. At Wrigley, he works with the global science and research communities to study the benefits chewing gum may have in weight management and satiety, reducing situational stress, and influencing brain activity and cognitive function.

In the past, Leveille has held leadership positions at General Foods Corporation, Nabisco Foods Group, McNeil Consumer Healthcare, and Cargill. He has also served as chairman and professor of the Department of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Michigan State University. He has a long history of collaboration with faculty members in Purdue’s Department of Foods and Nutrition and has participated in the department’s Executive in the Classroom course, as well as being a member of and presenter for the Corporate Affiliates program. In addition, he was a member of the USDA-CSREES review team that evaluated Foods and Nutrition in 2004.

Leveille’s career laid the foundation for evaluating the safety and efficacy of nutraceuticals and functional foods as part of a healthy diet for an aging population. With his strong research background and extensive industry experience, he has contributed significantly to the understanding of carbohydrate and lipid metabolism. A prolific scientist, he has published 222 manuscripts, 17 books and book chapters, and has eight patents. A leader in professional organizations, he has served as president of the American Society for Nutritional Sciences and the Institute of Food Technologists and has been recognized as a fellow by both societies. A member of many prestigious committees for the National Academy of Sciences, he has served on the Food Nutrition Board and the Committee on Recommended Dietary Allowances.

CFS HONORS STUDENTS PRESENT RESEARCH AT COLLOQUIUM

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CFS Welcomes New Alumni Relations Director

April 13, 2007, was a big day for Wendi Ailor — one she had been anticipating since she joined the college in January as its new director of alumni relations and special events. It was the day of the annual Felker Series and CFS Awards Dinner — the day that kicked off a weekend of alumni events on campus. For Ailor, who had spent three months in her new job having met only a handful of alumni, April 13 was a big day. And it didn’t disappoint.

“That weekend was awesome and full of excitement,” Ailor says. “It was overwhelming, but in a very good way. There’s such a warm spirit among CFS alumni. It was a pleasure to hear about the lives and work of those who returned to campus. I can’t wait for the next event to bring together this fabulous group of people!”

With Gala Weekend behind her, Ailor is now busy planning for other alumni events this summer and fall, including some new Boiler Mixers and a full slate of Homecoming activities. She’s also working on developing a line of CFS apparel and accessories.

However, her primary goal during the first year is to learn as much as she can about the college and find ways to get more alumni involved in CFS events. “My interest in alumni relations stems from my love of bringing people together around a common interest,” she says. “It’s so important that alumni share their traditions and pass on their wisdom and experience to the current generation of students. I enjoy helping people make these connections with each other and the college.”

Prior to joining Purdue, Ailor spent seven years at Manchester College in North Manchester, Indiana, as director of church relations. There, she was involved in alumni relations, student recruitment, and special event planning. She decided to leave Manchester and make Lafayette her home when she met her future husband, Mark, owner of Ailor Photography in Lafayette. They were married March 31.

Ailor received a master’s in theology at Bethany Theological Seminary in Richmond, Indiana, in 2006. She completed a bachelor’s degree in elementary education at Elizabethtown College in Pennsylvania in 1993.

“I’m just so glad to be here,” Ailor says, smiling. “I enjoy hearing the stories and memories alumni have to share and walking down memory lane with them!”

End of an Era

After 16 years as CFS director of alumni and donor relations, Amy Liter left the college last July to move to southeastern Indiana, where her husband, Jeff, took a position as president of a small manufacturing company.

Packing up her office, Liter says she was flooded with memories. “Going through my files and pictures, I couldn’t help but remember the great alumni who had become really good friends and the Purdue staff who all made the job so memorable and so much fun.” After a pause, she adds in her trademark dry wit, “And I was also thinking, ‘How could I have so much stuff!’ ”

During her tenure, Liter was instrumental in helping grow alumni programs and increasing alumni participation at events. College traditions that many alumni have come to know and love, like chili at Homecoming, the annual awards dinner, and the regional Boiler Mixers all resulted from her involvement.

Under Liter’s leadership, the CFS Alumni Board grew from a small, local group of alumni into a large, diverse group representing all areas of CFS. Also, she helped develop and implement the CFS Student Ambassador program and Senior Send-Off for graduating seniors.

Now settled into her new home in Batesville, Liter works at her daughter’s school where she staffs the school clinic and helps maintain the Web site. But don’t think that you’ve seen the last of her — she’s already making plans to return for Homecoming and will be stopping by the CFS tent. See you soon, Amy!
The Many Faces of Annual Giving

There are about as many ways to make a gift to the college as there are places to direct the funds, but one way that many of our donors find convenient is annual giving. It allows donors to make a gift of any size to an area they wish to support. Here’s a look at three of our annual donors.

Kristi Ludwig, BS ’03

As a Purdue senior in 2003, Kristi Ludwig helped implement Senior Face-Off, an annual fundraising challenge between the senior classes of Purdue and Indiana University. Thanks to that experience, Ludwig, a graduate in dietetics and nutrition, fitness, and health, says giving annually is now a habit. She doesn’t agree with those who say new graduates aren’t expected to give back because they are just beginning their careers.

“If it’s not convenient to give back now, when will it ever be?” she asks. “But, if you start giving right after you graduate, it becomes a habit and something you budget for, just like a retirement account. As income goes up, your gift giving will also.”

Now a nutrition coach and club dietitian with Lifetime Fitness–Cinco Ranch in Katy, Texas, Ludwig routinely supports CFS and the Department of Foods and Nutrition. Beginning in fall 2007, she’ll also be giving of her time when she joins the CFS Alumni Board.

“Many people in CFS poured into me, and I just want to give something back,” she says. “My gifts aren’t large, but I see them as a way to show my appreciation.”

Kathleen Manwaring, BS ’73

An annual donor since 1979, Kathleen Manwaring says she gives back to Purdue because of the impact college had on her life and career. Manwaring, a 1973 graduate in CFS education, is assistant director of Dining Services with Purdue University Residences.

“My college experience was great,” says Manwaring, “and it’s important to me to give back to the University and CFS so that students can have the wide variety of opportunities that are available to them on a college campus.”

Through the years, she has supported the college as well as scholarship funds in CFS and University Residences, the John Purdue Club, and other areas. In addition, Manwaring has served on the CFS Alumni Board since 2002.

She says her board membership helps her stay connected to CFS alumni. “It also gives me the opportunity to meet and interact with Student Ambassadors, faculty, and staff — people I normally wouldn’t have contact with.”

Mark Smith

Mark Smith isn’t a CFS alumnus — he didn’t even graduate from Purdue — but through his involvement with the HTM Strategic Alliance Council (SAC), Smith has become a friend of the college.

He is vice president and general manager of Daydots, a division of Ecolab. As a SAC member, he enjoys hearing about industry challenges and opportunities from an academic point of view, meeting students, and networking with other council members. He feels the council provides Hospitality and Tourism Management department leadership with important industry perspectives that ultimately help shape the program to meet the future needs of industry employers.

In addition to their SAC membership, Daydots created a scholarship in 2002 that has been awarded to a hospitality and tourism management student each year since.

“As one of the top hospitality and tourism schools in the country, Purdue plays an important role in providing our industry with new talent,” Smith says. “Ecolab places a high priority on education and talent development, so it is appropriate that we help fund education for people who are interested in careers in foodservice and hospitality.”

For information on giving opportunities, please contact Renée Mullen, CFS director of advancement, at (800) 535-7303, (765) 494-7890, or rmullen@purdue.edu.
2007 CFS Alumni Awards
Recognize Leadership, Service, and Contribution

Distinguished Alumni
This award recognizes significant career advancement, long-term leadership within a chosen profession, and noteworthy professional accomplishments.

Marlene Borschel, PhD, RD
Throughout her research career at Abbott Laboratories, Ross Products Division, in Columbus, Ohio, Marlene Borschel (BS ’76, CFS Ed; PhD ’83, F&N) has made a prominent name for herself in the field of pediatric and allergy nutrition. Since joining Abbott in 1987 as a clinical research associate, she has advanced to associate research fellow and become an expert in water-soluble vitamins and trace minerals as they relate to infant nutrition.

Her internationally recognized research has resulted in marketable products for infants and children who need specialized nutritional products. At Ross, she developed and patented a method to add the trace mineral selenium to nutritional products, and this is the most frequently used of all Ross patents. In total, her research has resulted in six U.S. patents, 16 scientific publications, and seven awards for excellence in research.

Borschel says she gets great satisfaction from developing products that have a positive impact on quality of life for infants and children. “In the work I do, I impact millions of infants with products I work on, whether these products become commercially available or not.”

In 2001, she was elected to Abbott’s Volwiler Society, a scientific organization that provides the company’s most innovative scientists with professional growth and recognition. Of Abbott’s 5,000 employees in research and development, only 176 are Volwiler Society members.

Karen Goebel, PhD
A highly recognized professor of family finance, estate planning, consumer protection, and public policy reform, Karen Goebel (BS ’62, CFS Ed) is a woman who makes a difference in the lives of others. A faculty member and Extension specialist in the School of Human Ecology at University of Wisconsin–Madison for more than 30 years, her teaching and research have focused on marital property law, advance directives for healthcare, long-term care of the elderly, privacy issues, identity theft, and succession planning in family-owned businesses.

She has held leadership positions in organizations at all levels. She currently chairs the Wisconsin Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Foundation and is an advisor for the Nu Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron at UW–Madison. She is active in the League of Women Voters, the American Association of University Women, and the Dane County Zonta Chapter, which helps advance the status of women and girls. She has received many awards in recognition of her support of professional growth for women.

On a personal level, she financed the education of a family of four orphaned girls living in Malawi, Africa. With her support, the two older girls now have degrees in accounting and hotel and restaurant management.

Philanthropy and giving to others is a recurring theme in Goebel’s life. “I’m inspired by women around me who give without expecting anything in return,” she says, “and the possibility that I too can make a difference in the lives of young women and families.”
As director of dining services at Purdue, Sarah Cauble Johnson (BS ’69, F&N) coordinates the operation of dining services in the country’s third largest university housing system. Each year, she oversees the feeding of 9,500 undergraduates on meal plans for a total of 3.3 million meals! On staff with Purdue University Residences since 1971, she has been director of dining services since 1986.

In 2000, the University began a $48 million total revitalization of its residence hall dining system, and Johnson has played a key role in its development. Already, Purdue’s new dining courts have garnered industry design awards — Food Management named Purdue University Residences “Best in Show” in the magazine’s 2006 Best Concept Awards for Purdue’s dining services modernization.

“Working with the dedicated staff of foodservice professionals at Purdue in accomplishing the ‘re-engineering’ of our foodservice to meet the expectations of today’s students is a career accomplishment that’s very important to me,” Johnson says. “Student satisfaction is high, and I’m very proud of what we have accomplished together.”

Johnson is also a key leader in the Department of Foods and Nutrition’s coordinated program in dietetics. She personally assigns students to a residence dining service to complete their foodservice rotation and also contributes to classroom instruction.

She is a participant in several professional and community organizations and recipient of many industry and University awards, including the Purdue Alumni Association’s Special Boilermaker Award, the CFS Hidden Diamond Award, Foods and Nutrition’s Hall of Fame Award, and Mortar Board’s Helen B. Schleman Gold Medallion Award. ■

Community Service Award

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.

Danita Howell Rodibaugh

As a stockholder and office manager for her family’s 2,000-acre farm, Rodibaugh & Sons Inc., a grain and purebred swine operation in Rensselaer, Indiana, Danita Rodibaugh (BS ’75, CFS Ed) is kept busy with the daily management of the farm office. But Rodibaugh is also an advocate for the pork industry, a leader in state and national organizations, and an active volunteer in her community.

She is the immediate past president of the National Pork Board and an active member of numerous agricultural organizations, including the Indiana State Department of Agriculture Advisory Board, the United States Meat Export Federation Executive Committee, and the Indiana Pork Producers Board of Directors. At Purdue, she sits on the Animal Sciences Advisory Board and the Purdue Agriculture Alumni Trust Fund Board. She is also a past president of the Indiana 4-H Foundation.

A sought-after speaker and panelist, Rodibaugh is one of the pork industry’s experts on environmental issues. Her work on behalf of Indiana’s agricultural community earned her the Sagamore of the Wabash award, the highest award given by the governor of Indiana. She is the recipient of the 2007 Purdue Ag Alumni Certificate of Distinction, Purdue Extension Friend of Extension Award, and the CFS Hidden Diamond Award.

Often called a “professional volunteer,” Rodibaugh says, “You have to find your passions — that’s where you will be most committed and where you will enjoy spending your time. I believe you have to work at anything you deem worthwhile.” ■
Caren Bristol Walker

As a family and consumer sciences teacher at Klondike Middle School in West Lafayette, Indiana, Caren Bristol Walker is committed to showing her students educational opportunities. For the past nine years, she has arranged four field trips a year to bring her eighth-grade classes to visit CFS and Purdue.

Even though Walker’s school is in Purdue’s “backyard,” she feels students may not be aware of all that Purdue offers or know about the many majors available in the College of Consumer and Family Sciences.

Their visit to Purdue includes a presentation by the Office of Admissions, followed by a meeting with CFS Student Ambassadors. The students take a tour of the college, visiting each department to learn about careers associated with that area. The day ends with lunch and a tour of a residence hall.

Since Walker began bringing students to campus, she has introduced more than 1,500 eighth-graders to Consumer and Family Sciences at Purdue! As an ambassador of CFS, her impact is far reaching.

Walker, who earned her bachelor’s in home economics education at Central Michigan University in 1976, has taught FACS in middle and high schools for more than 20 years. “I enjoy teaching family and consumer sciences,” she says. “I enjoy the students, and I feel I make a difference because I teach life skills.”

Do you know someone worthy of a CFS Alumni Award? We bet you do!

Nominations are being accepted for the 2008 CFS Alumni Awards, including Distinguished Alumni, Outstanding Young Professional (age 35 or younger), Friend of Purdue, and Community Service. The deadline is August 1, 2007.

Nominations must include a nomination form (below), a current résumé of the nominee, and an attachment describing: 1) the nominee’s career development; 2) the nominee’s significant career accomplishments; 3) how the nominee has displayed leadership within his/her chosen profession or community; 4) how the nominee’s community contributions have enhanced the quality of life for families; and 5) the nominee’s personal and/or financial contributions to Purdue (for the Friend of Purdue Award only).

For more information, please contact CFS Development and Alumni Relations at (800) 535-7303, (765) 494-7890, or cfsalums@purdue.edu.
2007 Outstanding Seniors

Each year, the CFS Alumni Association recognizes an Outstanding Senior from each department. Purdue faculty and advisors select the students on the basis of scholarship, leadership, professionalism, and community service. The following Outstanding Seniors graduated in May.

**CFS Education**

An accomplished scholar, Emily Shearer of Columbia City, Indiana, is a recipient of several scholarships, a member of Kappa Omicron Nu, and has achieved Semester Honors and Dean’s List Honors. She excels in leadership roles and currently serves as president of the Indiana Association of Family and Consumer Sciences student organization. Additionally, she has had many state-level leadership responsibilities with the Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America student organization. She participated in the Mortar Board Leadership Conference, the Emily Mauzy Vogel Leadership Conference, and LeaderSHAPE.

Within the college, Shearer served three years on the CFS Student Council and was a teaching assistant. She completed an internship with Purdue Extension in Allen County where she developed and implemented a summer program, created nutrition lessons for an after-school program, and wrote a grant to fund the program.

Committed to community service, Shearer organized and led the youth ministry team of her church on a home-building mission trip to Biloxi, Mississippi. She has served on four other mission trips for her church. As part of her CFS education coursework, she published a cookbook and nutrition guide for low-cost meals using commonly donated food items. Food Finders distributed 500 copies of the cookbook within the Lafayette area.

After graduation, she plans a career teaching family and consumer sciences in middle school or high school.

**Child Development and Family Studies**

Leadership, academic scholarship, and service have marked the college career of Kerrie Byrnes. The individual and family studies major from West Lafayette, Indiana, has earned Semester Honors and Dean’s List Honors most semesters and received several scholarships. The past three years, she has participated in the CFS Honors program on a project studying the relationship between the personality of early childhood caregivers and their sensitivity toward children in their classroom. She presented her study in a poster session during the annual CFS Honors Colloquium in April.

After graduation, Byrnes will attend Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis. She would like to eventually earn a doctorate in marriage and family therapy and pursue private clinical practice with an emphasis on Christian family counseling.

**Consumer Sciences and Retailing**

Throughout her college career, Amber Perez has taken on a variety of leadership roles, all while holding down a job and maintaining a 4.0 GPA. The apparel design and technology major from Fort Wayne, Indiana, has been involved with the Purdue Fashion
She has participated in two strong research experiences: Camp Calcium, a tightly controlled metabolic camp operated by the Department of Foods and Nutrition, and a CFS Honors program research project. She completed a National Association of College and University Food Services summer internship at the University of North Dakota in 2005 and a Purdue Extension summer internship in 2006. Expanding her culinary experience, she worked as a food expeditor for the John Purdue Room restaurant and participated in a culinary study abroad trip to Switzerland.

A well-rounded student, Nelson was a member of F&N Society and Food Science Club and played on the Purdue Club Tennis Team. She has participated in College Mentors for Kids!, Purdue’s Boiler Gold Rush orientation program, and the Purdue Golf Team. Over the years, she received several awards and scholarships and is a member of Kappa Omicron Nu.

Following graduation, she will complete two internships — the first at Kraft Foods where she will spend 11 weeks in the Global Technology and Quality Division at the Glenview, Illinois, Technology Center. Then she travels to Nestlé in Lausanne, Switzerland, where she will work six months in the company’s Nutrient Bioavailability Division conducting in vitro and cell culture work on synthetic compounds related to human metabolism.

As a double major in dietetics and foods and nutrition in business, Rebecca Nelson of Indianapolis, Indiana, is working hard to prepare herself for a range of opportunities in dietetics, the food industry, or a regulatory agency.
Felker Series. This year’s program examined the health status of Indiana families. Keynote speaker Dr. Judith Monroe (top left), Indiana State Health Commissioner, shared some of the challenges she has faced, from practicing medicine in Appalachia to confronting Indiana’s public health concerns. (Clockwise from top center) Karen Goebel, BS ’62, 2007 Distinguished Alumna recipient, catches up with a friend. Dean Emerita Eva Goble, MS ’47, HDR ’99, enjoys the conference. Dean Dennis Savaiano welcomes everyone at the luncheon. Rachel Kroll, a senior in foods and nutrition, chats with Sue Hanks Palmore, BS ’61. Kroll, a CFS Student Ambassador, spoke during the lunch.

Class of 1957. Members of the Class of 1957 celebrated their 50-year reunion on campus during Gala Weekend. Front row: Tommy Witham Hudson, Mary Ellen Carry Van Buskirk, Joyce Prall Dickson, Donetta King Ratliff, Janis Rutherford Emery, and Elizabeth Welsh Whitemore  
Middle row: Sally Schnaiter Lugar, Anne Ream Pantzer, Diane Tangeman Bleday, Barbara Stouffer Huneke, Alice Leslie Miller, and Carolyn Hawkins Kolb  
Back row: Mary Louise Foster, Marian Parker Halfacre, Virginia Son Beale, Barbara Sandford Ingersoll, MaryAnn Maines Smith, and CFS Dean Dennis Savaiano.
LEAD Council. Throughout The Campaign for Purdue, the LEAD Council has provided support and leadership to the college. The council met during Gala Weekend. (Clockwise from top left) Professor Doug Sprekle, Susan Ribordy-Brenc, BS ’72, and Bob and Joyce Beery Miles, BS ’65.

Spring Fest. The unseasonably chilly weather didn’t dampen the spirits of those who came to campus to participate in Spring Fest activities. (From left) Hospitality and tourism management students served up food with a smile at the HTM Fountainside Café behind Stone Hall. Purdue Pete gives a hug to Buttercup, who showed up at the Foods and Nutrition booth to promote milk. Foods and nutrition students Hailey Lawyer and Katie Hill show off their milk mustaches. CFS Ambassador Leana Gonsalves took time to help out in the CFS tent.

Sommelier Class. HTM students had the opportunity to learn about wine in a two-day introductory sommelier class. Afterward, they could take the first of three tests required to become Master Sommeliers.
Black Tie Dinner. Students in the Hospitality and Tourism Management Society hosted another very successful Black Tie Dinner in April. The guest chef was Sean DiCicco, executive chef at the Madalay Bay Hotel and Resort in Las Vegas. (Clockwise from top left) Chef Carl Behnke works with students behind the scenes. Ted Allen, food and wine specialist on the Emmy Award-winning NBC/Bravo hit “Queer Eye” was the guest speaker. First Lady Patty Jischke raises her glass in a toast. The event was held in the Purdue Memorial Union.

Spring Fashion Show. The Purdue Fashion Association held its Spring Fashion Show under a tent during Spring Fest this year. Models braved the unseasonably cold weather (snow!) to walk the runway wearing fashions created by students in apparel design and technology. In addition, visitors could browse the Design Student Art Gallery in Matthews Hall. The annual fashion show is a completely student-run event.
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Bill Edmundson

As a 1962 graduate in hospitality and tourism management, Bill Edmundson remembers spending a lot of time in Stone Hall taking HTM classes. The fact that current students are still using the same building 45 years later is the reason he chose to contribute to Marriott Hall, the new Hospitality and Tourism Management building.

“Although there have been many upgrades to the building and production facilities, it’s simply not a building designed for today's hospitality and tourism training needs,” says Edmundson, principal at Tenacity Inc. in Chicago. “I want this new hall so future HTM students will have the best possible educational experience.”

A member of the HTM Strategic Alliance Council and Campaign Chicago Leadership Council, Edmundson hopes to give back as much as he has received. “I’ve had a successful career, and I don’t think I would have had that success without the benefit of my education and experiences at Purdue.”
Kathleen Longo

There's a reason the Longo Plumier Family Scholarship has the word “family” in it. For Kathleen Longo, a 1992 financial counseling and planning graduate, it's important that her giving reflect the values of her family.

"My husband and I are committed to education and appreciate the gift our education has provided in our lives," says Longo, financial planner/principal of Accredited Investors Inc. in Minneapolis. "Giving to Purdue allows us to show this commitment to our three children."

Longo created the scholarship in 2005 and says, “I'm grateful for the opportunity Purdue provided, as I discovered the beginnings of my dream career. I wanted to support others who may also find a similar passion by majoring in financial planning.”

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More than 30 CFS education students have benefited from the generosity of Madonna Cord Matheson, a 1956 graduate in home economics education. A desire to help students who were interested in becoming family and consumer sciences teachers or Extension educators led Matheson to create a scholarship for juniors and seniors in CFS education.

“During the 1950s, a teaching major was a comprehensive program that truly prepared one for the teaching profession,” she says. “I wanted to help this type of program continue to meet the needs of Indiana junior and senior high programs.”

Now retired and living in Malibu, California, Matheson is past president of To-Sew Inc., a developer of educational craft products.
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Jacqueline Kluger
Sarah Lewis
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Kathleen McGonville
Michelle Murbach
Krisen Novak
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Carla Sawyer

Joan Krupinski

Io the 10 years that Joan Krupinski worked in Foods and Nutrition as the undergraduate secretary, she came to be known as someone who frequently went out of her way to help students, faculty, and co-workers. When “Joanie” (as everyone called her) died October 21, 2006, just seven weeks after being diagnosed with uterine cancer, those in the department knew they wanted to do something to honor her memory.

“She cared about the students so much, we thought a scholarship to carry on that sense of caring seemed appropriate,” says Marleen Troyer, assistant to the head in Foods and Nutrition. “Her daughters are still young, and it’s hoped that this scholarship will be an effective way to reinforce the message that their mom made a difference in the lives of others.”

The initiative to create the Joan Krupinski Memorial Scholarship is currently underway. Those who would like to contribute should contact Renée Mullen in CFS Development at (800) 535-7303, (765) 494-7890, or rmullen@purdue.edu.

“Joanie’s death was a huge shock for us all,” says Troyer, who is spearheading the department’s scholarship effort. “A scholarship means that a little of her influence continues in the department. She would have loved the opportunity to keep helping students.”
The CFS Alumni Board is seeking nominations for new board members. The three-year term begins in fall 2008. If you or someone you know is interested in serving on the board, just complete this form and submit it by August 1, 2007.

The board usually meets twice a year on the West Lafayette campus and supports the CFS Alumni Awards, Outstanding Senior Awards, Homecoming, and alumni receptions like Boiler Mixers.

There are about 25 members on the CFS Alumni Board, and you must be a member of the Purdue Alumni Association to be a board member.

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On a separate sheet, please describe why you (or the nominated person) wish to serve on the board and current and/or previous community involvement.

If you are nominating someone for the board, please provide
Your name: ______________________________  Telephone: __________________

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August 1, 2007

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Mary Fuqua

When foods and nutrition alumni think of Professor Emerita Mary Fuqua, they likely recall an award-winning teacher and mentor. But the legacy she is leaving goes far beyond the impact she had on her students.

Fuqua, who retired in 1987 as associate dean of CFS and resides in West Lafayette, has been an annual donor to Purdue and the college, as well as member of the President's Council, since 1980. In 2004, an anonymous donor started a scholarship fund in Fuqua's name in honor of her professional career and volunteer leadership service in retirement. Fuqua herself contributes to this scholarship, which she chose to benefit a graduate student in Foods and Nutrition.

“I wanted to support a graduate student because the scholarship I received as a student at Ohio State made it possible for me to get my PhD degree,” she says. “My 24 years with CFS were thoroughly enjoyable. It’s a great college with a great purpose, and I want to help in any small way that I can.”
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Class Notes

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**Lynne Kruckner Forsman,** BS ’82, Davidsonville, Maryland, and her partner, Nancy Galloway, have sold Pintail Yachts after 12 successful years of offering private group charters on Chesapeake Bay. She will remain as a consultant with the new owner, Nautical Destinations, and pursue her passion of “greening” the meetings industry in Annapolis. In the above photo, Lynne (at left) and Nancy are at the “Parade of Sail” of the Volvo Ocean Race, an around-the-world sailing race for which Annapolis/Baltimore was the only U.S. stopover. For more information on Pintail Yachts, visit www.pintailyachts.com.

**Patricia Zelinski Marincic,** BS ’82, Sartell, Minnesota, accepted a new position as academic coordinator of the physician assistant program and associate professor in the Department of Physician Assistant Studies at Augsburg College. She teaches nutrition, medical nutrition therapy, and selected topics in clinical medicine. She also administers, develops, and reviews the academic phase curriculum.

**Chuck Romig,** PhD ’82, Wichita, Kansas, just completed a semester sabbatical teaching and conducting research in Lithuania. He provided consultation to schools implementing Lions-Quest Skills for Adolescence as a first-time pilot project in Lithuania. Chuck (second from the left in the above photo) is a professor at Wichita State University.

**Greg Pattinson,** MS ’83, Hyde Park, South Australia, has been living in Australia for 18 years and is married with two children, Jonathan, 14, and Laura, 6. After completing his master’s at Purdue, he worked for a number of major Australian food manufacturing companies in senior executive roles. He says he could not have achieved what he has without his experience at Purdue. Greg says, “I enjoyed two of the best years of my life at Purdue from 1982 through 1983. I think I was something of a novelty being one of only a few Australians in West Lafayette. My memories are vaguely blurred between very serious studying and very serious rugby parties!”

**Joy Henley Contreras,** BS ’87, Whittier, California, accepted a new position as catering manager at The Jonathan Club in Los Angeles. Joy earned her certified meeting professional (CMP) designation from the Convention and Industry Council.

**Kim Kent Schmidt,** BS ’87, Deerfield, Illinois, is director of the child care center at Lutheran Home & Services. Previously, she was a director and teacher for 16 years. She has two boys, ages 10 and 11.

**Todd Froehle,** BS ’89, Dallas, Texas, is vice president of Arnold Palmer Golf Management. He is planning a May 26, 2007, wedding to Kimberly Graner.

**1990–99**

**Connie Beach Pence,** BS ’90, Moore, South Carolina, was recently promoted to marketing manager with Gerber Childrenswear.

**Joseph Carfora,** BS ’92, Centerville, Ohio, is a sales representative for cardiac rhythm management at Boston Scientific Corporation. He has two children, Arianna, 6, and Nicole, 4.

**Julie Eddleman,** BS ’92, MS ’95, Loveland, Ohio, and April Keil welcomed Logan Patrick Keil on November 6, 2006. Julie is associate marketing director at Procter & Gamble in Cincinnati.

**Anthony Johnston,** BS ’92, Chesterton, Indiana, accepted a position with Northwestern Mutual as an employee benefit specialist working with companies on their employee benefit program. Anthony received his MBA in 1998 from the University of St. Francis in Joliet, Illinois, where he is an adjunct faculty member teaching courses in insurance and risk management.


**Gail Chambers Smith,** BS ’92, Lebanon, Indiana, and her husband, Brad (’89 Purdue grad), have two “future Boilermakers,” Carly, 8, and Aidan, 5. Gail is sales manager with The Westin Indianapolis and is involved in several industry-related organizations.

**Lynn Templin Townsend,** BS ’93, East Leroy, Michigan, has co-written a leadership book, 50 Dos for Everyday Leadership: Practical Lessons Learned the Hard Way (So You Don’t Have To). The book, published by Humanergy, captures the 50 most valuable dos and don’ts from effective leaders and managers in organizations around the country. Lynn is a “creative communication champion” at Humanergy and founder/president of Eternally Speaking, a communication consulting company. For information on the book, visit www.50DOs.com.

**Dawn Page Auch,** BS ’94, Indianapolis, Indiana, welcomed twin boys, Garrett and Nate, on December 11, 2006. Dawn is a customer category manager with Kraft Foods.

**Christine Troiano Rizzo,** BS ’95, Bethpage, New York, was promoted to senior manager of field marketing for Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide Inc.

**Holly Haugstad Keckler,** BS ’97, West Lafayette, Indiana, and her husband, Kevin (’97 Purdue grad) welcomed their first child, Kari Witherspoon Keckler, on January 24, 2007. Holly is associate director of recruitment with the School of Pharmacy at Purdue.
Carrie Dettmer, BS ’98, Vacaville, California, is director of operations at the Vacaville Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club.


Keith Langbo, BS ’98, Grand Rapids, Michigan, is vice president of OtterBase Inc., one of the fastest growing supplemental staffing companies in the U.S. He and his wife, Erin (’98 Purdue grad) have a son, Noah, born November 19, 2005, and a daughter, Lily Madeline, born on January 28, 2007.

April Wajer, BS ’98, Atlanta, Georgia, has a new job as general manager at TownePlace Suites by Marriott.

Nickyke Harris Huffman, BS ’99, Franklin, Indiana, and her husband, Greg, have joined the youth ministry team of Indianapolis Christian Fellowship. She was recently certified as an instructor for “Prime for Life,” an alcohol and drug prevention program. Nickole is sales director at Zoe Cleaning Services.

Angel Abshire Shadoff, BS ’99, Buckley, Michigan, welcomed twin daughters, Allison Lucile and Eloise Martha, on November 6, 2006. Angel is a pregnancy and pediatric dietician with District Health Department #10, which serves a 10-county area.

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2000–07

Valerie Haith Hinrichs, BS ’01, Aurora, Nebraska, accepted a new position as executive director of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Grand Island. Valerie and her husband, Bryan, have two children, Marah, 4, and Mikayla, 2. Valerie is also a CASA volunteer.

Michelle Williams Thomas, BS ’01, Hiram, Georgia, welcomed a daughter on July 9, 2006.

Julie Calihan Tucker, BS ’01, Hamilton, Ohio, is a senior underwriter with Cincinnati Financial Corp.

Beth Phares Deutsch, BS ’02, McCordsville, Indiana, and her husband, Michael, welcomed their first child, Tyler Allen, on October 17, 2006. Beth is a stay-at-home mom.

Victoria Layton Parratt, BS ’03, Reno, Nevada, and her husband, Ronald, welcomed a daughter, Tyler Violet, on December 12, 2005. Victoria is a fitness manager/registered dietician at Saint Mary’s Center Health and Fitness.

Stephanie Rohrbaugh Schopmeyer, BS ’03, Brazil, Indiana, and her husband, Ryan, welcomed Addie Kay on July 17, 2006. Prior to being a stay-at-home mom, Stephanie was a family and consumer sciences teacher at Eastern Greene.

Kellie Wellman Hull, BS ’04, Bayside, Wisconsin, welcomed her first child, Anna, on May 28, 2006. Kellie is an auditor with Bevinco.

Christopher Lenzo, BS ’04, Las Vegas, Nevada, accepted a position as a hotel manager with Harrah’s Entertainment at the Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino.

Tasha Porch, BS ’04, Mishawaka, Indiana, is account manager at Steel Warehouse Company where she handles the International Truck and Engine accounts. She will be married in May 2007 to Erik Zehring of Mishawaka.

Sara Wakeland Cooley, BS ’05, Overland Park, Kansas, welcomed Maddison Anne on January 16, 2007. Sara is a restaurant supervisor with Marriott.

Brian Zafian, BS ’05, Indianapolis, Indiana, was married on January 6, 2007, to Nicole Farnsley (’05 Purdue grad).

Nora Litton Bennett, BS ’06, Hall, Georgia, is a manager with Longhorn Steakhouse. She and her husband, Brad, were married in July 2006. Brad owns a Domino’s Pizza in Hartwell. Nora says she loves the warm weather, but still misses the snow of an Indiana winter.

Megan Diaz, BS ’06, Gainesville, Florida, is currently serving a one-year sports nutrition internship with University of Florida Athletics. She is working closely with the 2006 Florida National Championship football and basketball teams, as well as various other sports teams on their nutritional needs and sports training meals.

Alex Germain-Robin, BS ’06, Crown Point, Indiana, is a manager with TGI Fridays.

Shannan Sanders, BS ’06, Indianapolis, Indiana, accepted a new position as a professional recruiter with Aerotek. She and Clay Crawford, BS ’05, will be married in May 2007. Clay works in sales at Central Restaurant Products.

Jackie Eberhard Ternont, BS ’06, Port Royal, South Carolina, was married in October 2006. A graduate student at Winthrop University, she is completing her dietetic internship at Beaufort Memorial Hospital.

Charles Goff Jr., BS ’07, Greenwood, Indiana, accepted a position as a sales consultant with Ray Skillman GMC Truck.

Michelle Bliss McQueen, BS ’07, Lafayette, Indiana, and her husband, Micah, are expecting their first child in June.

Brittany Patton, BS ’07, Aventure, Florida, accepted a position as a food and beverage management trainee with Fairmont Turnberry Isle Resort and Club.
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<td>Purdue Day at the Indiana State Fair</td>
<td>Spend a day at the fair with Purdue and CFS! For a complete agenda of the day’s events, visit <a href="http://www.purdue.edu/events/state_fair">www.purdue.edu/events/state_fair</a>.</td>
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<td>Mark your calendars to spend Homecoming in West Lafayette! Look for your invitation in August. Visit the CFS Web site at <a href="http://www.cfs.purdue.edu">www.cfs.purdue.edu</a> this summer for event details.</td>
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