Finding quality child care is a primary concern for parents, yet it’s not always easy to compare child care programs. How do licensed centers stack up against registered ministries or licensed home providers? To help parents and child care professionals compare apples to apples, Indiana is rolling out a new statewide child care quality rating system called Paths to QUALITY (PTQ).

“This system is intended to do for child care providers what a four-star rating can do for a hotel,” says Jim Elicker, associate professor and director of early childhood programs in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies. “It lets consumers know more about the qualifications and track record of providers.”

Elicker’s role in the new quality rating system is significant. During 2007, he led a team in conducting a scientific review of the quality standards contained in PTQ. They determined that if implemented properly, the PTQ program had the potential to increase the quality of child care in Indiana.

Under the new system, providers will be evaluated and rated according to one of four levels of care. Each level builds on the previous one with the first level indicating that basic health and safety requirements are being met. Level four is reserved for those providers earning national accreditation. Yearly evaluations will determine if providers have maintained their current level or achieved a higher level.

The program’s phased implementation began in January 2008 and will continue through January 2009. Elicker and his team will conduct the statewide evaluation of the
As I write this, the spring semester is winding down and 375 students are preparing to graduate and begin their careers. These students are eager for new challenges and the opportunity to make an impact. Our seniors are busy interviewing, and many already have jobs secured. I wanted to share with you where a few of them are headed…

Jason Steffen and Adrian de Gortari are Hospitality and Tourism Management graduates who are taking management positions in the hotel industry. Jason is moving to Atlanta to work in corporate revenue management with Starwood Hotels, and Adrian will be working for Marriott International as manager of development planning and feasibility. This speaks well of the program and faculty that our students can start their careers at the corporate management level.

Our Consumer Sciences and Retailing graduates are heading to such well-known firms as Sears, Target, Menards, Charles Schwab, and Liberty Mutual. Nur Chapman, a graduate of our popular selling and sales management program, will be working in St. Louis as a category business analyst with Anheuser-Busch. And Kristin Kirkdorffer, who majored in financial counseling and planning, will be a financial planner with Accredited Investors in Minneapolis.

Many of our dietetics students begin their supervised experiences after graduation. The fact that senior Katie Flickinger was selected for a dietetic internship at Johns Hopkins Hospital speaks volumes about the strength of our program and the high ability of our students. Olivia Klose, the last of our food science majors, will begin her career with international flavoring company David Michael & Co. in Philadelphia as a sales account manager.

We have several CFS Education graduates looking to begin their careers as family and consumer science teachers in middle and high schools. Senior Courtney Vencel has already accepted a position as a FACS teacher at Martinsville High School for the fall.

Ready to make an impact in our own Lafayette community are Bethany Ussery and Lauren Biel, two seniors in Child Development and Family Studies. Bethany completed an internship with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Wabash Valley and is continuing with the organization as a case manager. Lauren will be using her training in early intervention as a case manager with the Community and Family Resource Center helping young mothers battling drug addiction.

These are just a few examples of the many great things our new graduates are doing. Their ambition and excitement are refreshing, and I have no doubt they will be successful in their chosen careers. I welcome them and all of our new graduates as CFS alumni.

Hail Purdue!

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program to determine its effectiveness in improving the quality of child care across different settings.

“We want to know if the various Paths to QUALITY levels within each child care setting really affect meaningful differences in quality,” Elicker says. “Also, are children in higher level child care settings doing better than children in lower levels?”

Nine months after each rollout, Elicker’s team will begin the evaluation process for that area. Over a six-month period, they will observe randomly selected providers and complete assessments of children, evaluating cognitive and social skills. All data will be collected by 2010 with the final evaluation report for the entire state completed in 2011. The Bureau of Child Care, a division of the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration, is funding the project.

Indiana is one of 15 states implementing a statewide quality rating system to address the importance of early learning and to help improve children’s readiness for school. However, Elicker believes the comprehensive evaluation of Indiana’s system sets it apart.

“Most state quality rating systems are evaluating the quality assessment of the child care environment. To my knowledge, no other state system evaluations have measured child development assessments of children within the rating system as well,” he says. “I believe our evaluation study will be the most comprehensive evaluation of a statewide system to date. It has the potential to impact not only the child care system in Indiana, but quality rating systems nationwide.”

To request a copy of the report, Paths to QUALITY: A Child Care Quality Rating System for Indiana, contact the Center for Families at (765) 494-9878 or cff@purdue.edu.

Measuring Child Care Quality in Indiana Just Got Easier

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Paths to QUALITY establishes four levels of care:

**LEVEL 1**
A center is recognized for meeting basic health and safety requirements and having a license in good standing with the Family and Social Services Administration and the Division of Family Resources. Staff members receive orientation within 30 days of their hiring. Basic health and safety policies and procedures are in place in qualifying facilities.

**LEVEL 2**
Facilities are required to have a learning environment that provides for a child’s language and literacy skill development. Activities and materials have to reflect the age, interests, and abilities of all children. Staff and caregiver professional development is promoted, and the provider must have a written philosophy and goals for children. Families also must be provided program information.

**LEVEL 3**
Programs offer a planned curriculum, and learning environments for the children must be developmentally and culturally appropriate and meet any special needs a child has. Parents and staff evaluate the program annually, and the director and staff must have demonstrated professional growth. Level 3 status will be awarded only to providers that have been in operation for at least one year or have a lead caregiver with at least one year of experience in a licensed or Bureau of Child Care nationally recognized setting.

**LEVEL 4**
Providers must be accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the National Association of Family Child Care, or other state-approved organizations.
**Children’s Programs Earn National Accreditation**

Both children’s programs in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies are among an elite group of child care programs to earn accreditation under stricter guidelines from the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC).

The Child Development Lab School and the Ben and Maxine Miller Child Learning Center provide practicum and internship opportunities for students majoring in child development and family studies, sites for Purdue research, and model programs for Indiana early educators.

“It is especially important that we maintain the highest level of quality and demonstrate research-based educational practices for our Purdue students and for early educators,” says Jim Eicker, associate professor and director of early childhood programs at Purdue. “The NAEYC approval equals a gold star for our children’s programs. It’s the highest level of quality and recognition awarded in the United States to early childhood programs.”

The standards now require higher qualifications and ongoing training for all teachers. A new holistic approach requires centers to provide documentation in each of the following areas: positive relationships with children, curriculum, effective teaching approaches, ongoing assessment, nutrition and health, teaching staff education and training, family relations, community relations, physical environment, and program management.

As of January 2008, among 1,167 licensed child care centers and registered child care ministries in Indiana, only 15 percent had been nationally accredited under either the new or old accreditation standards.

**Ray Kavanaugh Receives Lifetime Achievement Award**

Ray Kavanaugh, head of the Department of Hospitality and Tourism Management, received the 2008 Michael E. Hurst Lifetime of Achievement in Education Award from the National Restaurant Association Educational Foundation (NRAEF) in May. The award honors an individual’s career of commitment and accomplishment to academic instruction in the field of hospitality.

“This is a great honor,” says Kavanaugh, a member of the Purdue faculty since 1997. “It’s a terrific feeling to know my efforts are recognized at the national level for having an impact on the industry.”

Well-known throughout the restaurant and lodging segments of the industry, he is a Conti Distinguished Professor at Pennsylvania State University’s School of Hotel, Restaurant and Recreation Management and recipient of the North American Association of Food Equipment Manufacturers Honorary Doctorate of Foodservice. Kavanaugh has earned many awards during his career, including the Howard Meek Award and the Champion of Education Award from the International Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education (I-CHRIE), that association’s two top awards for lifetime contributions to hospitality and tourism education.

A major voice in the academic community and an advocate for international educational programs, he is author of over 90 publications and an expert in human resources management and strategic planning in the hospitality and tourism industry. He is a founding fellow of the American Hotel and Lodging Educational Foundation and has served on the boards of both NRAEF and I-CHRIE.

Prior to joining Purdue in 1997, Kavanaugh was professor and director of the School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration at Oklahoma State University. His career includes academic appointments at the University of Central Florida and Florida State University as well as several years of industry experience.

Of his many achievements, he says, “I am most proud that my two sons and a nephew are pursuing careers in restaurant management. I am also very proud to have been the department head of HTM during the time our program is recognized as the number one hospitality program in the nation.”
Boilersphere Offers Opportunities to Connect and Network

Boilersphere is the newest online community for Purdue alumni and friends, students, faculty, and staff. A professional and social network exclusively for Purdue people, users can post job openings, connect with former friends and professors, network with other Purdue graduates, and share experiences with current students interested in their fields.

“We recognized a growing trend with students and alumni is that they want to connect with one another,” says Daniel E. Gentry, director of development information services in the Office of University Development. “Whether it’s networking, mentoring, socially interacting, posting or reviewing job openings, Boilersphere allows Purdue people to connect in a volume that was not open to them before.”

The College of Consumer and Family Sciences launched its Boilersphere site in April. Wendi Ailor, director of alumni relations and special events, maintains the CFS Boilersphere site and encourages anyone with a CFS connection to register and become a member.

“Boilersphere is a great tool for staying connected to CFS and Purdue,” Ailor says. “I hope that CFS alumni, students, faculty, and staff will use it to create interest groups and network with each other.”

To join Boilersphere, just visit www.purdue.edu/boilersphere and register. A Purdue help desk is available to answer any questions or address any login problems at (765) 496-9770 or boilersphere@purdue.edu.

New Director Provides Vision for External Relations

Denise Buhrmester joined the College of Consumer and Family Sciences in March as director of external relations. In this newly created position, she will provide leadership and vision for the college’s external relations efforts, including marketing and communication strategies. She will also oversee the Office of Development and Alumni Relations.

Buhrmester comes to the college from the Purdue Alumni Association, where she served as director of membership and marketing since 1997. Prior to joining Purdue Alumni, she spent 11 years working in marketing for Purdue Human Resources, Micro Database Systems in West Lafayette, and two apparel manufacturers in southern California. She is a 1986 graduate of the College of Liberal Arts at Purdue.

“The opportunity to promote programs focusing on matters that affect me personally — nutrition, family, consumerism — really appealed to me,” Buhrmester says. “On a professional level, I felt I could use my skills and experience to make a positive impact on the college and its many programs.”

She plans to spend the next few months learning about the college, assessing current communications, and meeting with faculty, staff, and alumni.

An avid traveler, Buhrmester has visited more than 20 countries. She enjoys cooking, reading, interior design, and spending time with her son.

The Department of Foods and Nutrition announced winners of its 2008 Hall of Fame Award. They are Pamela Fraker, Illo Wolff Matchett, BS ’40, Mary Ellen Fridrich Posthauer, BS ’60, Sister Mary Alan Stuart, PhD ’83, and Debbie Swart Woehler, BS ’76. To read more about this year’s winners, visit the F&N Web site at www.cfs.purdue.edu/FN.

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. The council is especially interested in theme baskets, Purdue items, athletic tickets, and vacation packages. Contact Betsy Thompson at (765) 494-8533 or bthompso@purdue.edu. Items need to be submitted by October 15.

Due to the struggling economy, CFS Extension has created a series of fact sheets called “When Your Income Drops” that can help consumers through financial difficulty. To download these and other fact sheets on credit management and financial issues, visit www.ces.purdue.edu/extmedia/cfs.htm.

The college is working on a new strategic plan that will guide our efforts through 2013. While the plan is a work in progress, we’d like your input on the direction we’re headed. You can see a draft of the plan on our Web site at www.cfs.purdue.edu/pages/about/strategic_plan.html.

“People, Partnerships, Possibilities” is the theme of the 2006–07 CFS Annual Report. To request a copy, contact Brenda Fisher at (765) 494-8210 or fisherbk@purdue.edu. You can also download a copy from the CFS Web site at www.cfs.purdue.edu/pages/about/publications.
Volker Thomas, associate professor in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies, received the 2008 Mary L. Matthews Outstanding Undergraduate Teaching Award. A member of the Purdue faculty since 1993, Thomas says graduate education was his primary focus until 2006 due to his affiliation with the doctoral Marriage and Family Therapy program. Following a sabbatical in the fall of 2006, however, he decided to increase his undergraduate teaching responsibilities.

“Undergraduate teaching appeals to me because of the high energy most students have, their curiosity, and their openness to the learning process,” he says. “By challenging my teaching and critically discussing the course content, I learn new things in the classroom every day.”

Thomas regularly involves undergraduate students in his research projects and also participates in the department’s study abroad programs. In summer 2007, he helped coordinate and lead a study abroad trip to southern India.

Through the years, he has served as an undergraduate advisor, redesigned several undergraduate courses, and edited books and authored book chapters and journal articles related to undergraduate teaching methods. In 2005, he received the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy National Training Award, presented annually to the best trainer/teacher in the association.

**Students Develop Nutrition Education Materials**

Undergraduate students in a foods and nutrition course have created four nutrition fact sheets that are available to the public on the CFS Extension Web site. Under the direction of Amy Mobley, assistant clinical professor, students in F&N 530 (Public Health Nutrition) created the following nutrition education materials:

- Feeding Smart from the Start
- Make Mealtme Family Time
- Thirsty? Sip on This
- What You Need to Know about Sodium

All of the fact sheets underwent an internal and external expert review process, coordinated by CFS Extension. To download the Nutrition Fact Sheets, available in English and Spanish, visit CFS Extension at www.ces.purdue.edu/extmedia/cfs.htm#5.

**Purdue Hosts Camp for Military Kids**

Purdue hosted a summer camp June 1–7 for military kids struggling with deployment. About 50 children ages 10–15 attended Operation Purple®. The Military Family Research Institute partnered with Purdue’s Department of Health and Kinesiology to bring the camp to the Purdue campus. This is the first time for Operation Purple® to be held in Indiana.

The goal is to help military children learn coping skills to deal with deployment-related stress and foster relationships with other children in similar circumstances.

At the Purdue site, campers participated in traditional outdoor summer camp activities and explored the many athletic and educational resources unique to a college campus. Along with team building and sports activities, daily small group sessions dealing with topics such as stress management and interpersonal communication activities encouraged campers to build trust and friendships.

The National Military Family Association launched Operation Purple® in 2004. Last year, 34 camps were held in 26 states.
Helping Those Who Feed the Hungry

Most of us have never known true hunger. But for every 10 Americans, there is someone who has. Helping ensure that food delivered via food pantries, soup kitchens, and homeless shelters is safe and nutritious is Indiana’s Food for the Hungry. Housed in the Department of Foods and Nutrition, the program provides education and resources to more than 900 emergency feeding programs throughout Indiana.

The education is vital because emergency feeding programs face several challenges that can compromise food safety. Many rely on volunteers who may have little or no training in nutrition or food safety. The food supplied often comes from donated or salvaged foods, which can greatly increase the risk of possibly hazardous food reaching the consumer. In addition, an uncertain food supply makes providing an appropriate variety of foods difficult.

“The program combines our expertise in nutrition with the outreach ability of CFS Extension,” says Amy Mobley, assistant clinical professor in the Department of Foods and Nutrition and director of Indiana’s Food for the Hungry. “We’re the only program in Indiana providing this kind of assistance.”

From fielding calls about dented cans and the shelf life of donated food to providing recipes, expert nutritional advice, and a Web site packed with information, Indiana’s Food for the Hungry addresses the educational needs of those who are on the front lines in the battle against hunger.

“This program has had a phenomenal impact on our food safety policies and procedures,” says Barbara Ahler, executive director of Food Finders Food Bank in Lafayette, Indiana. “It’s also helped us understand what others are doing to combat hunger and given us ideas for our own programs or a contact to share information with.”

Health officials, Extension educators, and others who work with food assistance organizations or limited resource audiences also find the program helpful. Extension staff with the Family Nutrition Program (FNP) and the Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP) work closely with their local emergency food programs. Nutrition education lessons and demonstrations are provided free to clients to educate them about how to make healthy food choices and stretch their food dollars.

One of the most utilized resources is an online database of all emergency food assistance programs in the state along with their location, hours of operation, and contact information. Nutrition specialist Laura Palmer maintains the database and coordinates the program’s daily operations, including maintenance of the Web site and production of a bi-monthly newsletter.

In looking to the future, Mobley says she would like to involve foods and nutrition students in the program’s efforts. She also recently surveyed the program’s constituents and hopes to use that feedback to improve the program.

“One of the things we were hearing is that people with medical conditions such as diabetes or high blood pressure don’t feel like they can use some of the foods available at food pantries, which can be higher in fat, salt, and sugar,” she says. “We can provide educational materials or even training to help pantries address these issues so people can utilize those foods in the best way possible for their health.”

Indiana’s Food for the Hungry is a partnership with The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) of Indiana. For more information, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/safefood.
This award recognizes significant career advancement, long-term leadership within a chosen profession, and noteworthy professional accomplishments.

**ROSELLA MCKINLEY BANNISTER**  
CFS BS ’55

Consumer and personal finance education is the focus of Rosella McKinley Bannister’s professional life. For 25 years, she was the executive director of the National Institute for Consumer Education (NICE) at Eastern Michigan University. NICE provided multidisciplinary teacher education workshops and materials, including the *Classification of Concepts in Consumer Education*. She held a one-year assignment in the U.S. Department of Education, Office of Consumer Education.

In retirement, she established a consulting service, Bannister Financial Education Services LLC, in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Among her responsibilities is the management of the online Personal Finance Clearinghouse (www.jumpstartclearinghouse.org) of the Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy in Washington, DC.

As a voluntary service in financial literacy, Bannister co-chaired the development of the 2007 National Standards in Personal Finance Education, a curriculum development tool for K-12 classrooms. This publication can be downloaded without charge from the Web site of the Coalition for Personal Financial Literacy at www.jumpstart.org.

Early in her career, Bannister worked in adult education for the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service. She holds a master’s degree in liberal arts from Wayne State University.

“Purdue University and the College of Consumer and Family Sciences clearly provided the foundation that allowed me to gain the knowledge, skill, and confidence needed for lifelong learning and service in consumer and personal finance education,” she says.

In May 2008, Bannister received the TOPACE award honoring her work in financial literacy. The award was presented by the International Consumer Citizenship Network, an interdisciplinary network of educators and organizations, at its conference in Tallinn, Estonia.
**Bill Edmundson**

**HTM BS ’62**

After spending more than 40 years in the food and beverage industry, Bill Edmundson recently retired as a principal of Tenacity, a strategic consulting firm to large service corporations. His industry experience includes military club management, public restaurants, and contract foodservices. During those years, he served as president of three different divisions of ARAMARK and as president and chief executive officer of The Wood Company, a regional food-service contract company.

A founding member of the Society of Foodservice Management, he has served as a corporate advisor to the American Dietetic Association and was a long-time member of the American Society for Hospital Food Service Administrators.

“Success in my career came primarily from picking the right staff and then giving them both the responsibility and the authority necessary for them to be successful,” he says. “Their success became my success.”

Edmundson, who lives in Chicago, Illinois, has returned to Purdue a number of times to talk with Hospitality and Tourism Management students in the classroom. In 1986, he was honored as an Old Master. He is currently a member of the HTM department’s Strategic Alliance Council and is active in fund raising for the new Marriott Hall. He recently served on the steering committee for the Chicago Campaign as part of The Campaign for Purdue.

“Giving back should be a basic tenant of professional and personal growth — rarely does someone not get back much more than they put into the effort,” Edmundson says.

In his community, he enjoys working with not-for-profits. Over the years, he has volunteered on various cultural and service boards including the Pennsylvania Opera Theatre and the Allentown Pennsylvania Symphony.

**Jane Maple Horner**

**CDFS BS ’84**

As an assistant professor at Ivy Tech Community College in Logansport, Jane Maple Horner of Bunker Hill, Indiana, instructs early childhood education (ECE) classes, supervises practicum experiences, and advises students. A member of the faculty since 2002, Horner has increased enrollment in the ECE program, promoted student leadership and service learning activities, and facilitated job placement for graduates.

She began her career as a classroom teacher in community child care centers, eventually opening her own child care home center when her first child was born. In 1989, she took a position as administrative and education director of The Little Children’s Ministry in Logansport where she was able to make significant impacts in early care and education. Nine years later, she became director of the Indiana University—Kokomo Child Care Center and began work on a master’s degree in education, which she received in 2002. During this time, she also served as project director for Child Care Access Means Parents in School, a grant that made it possible for low-income college students to receive child care vouchers so they could attend classes and study.

“I believe it truly does take a village to raise a child,” Horner says. “We all need to be out there advocating for children and families in our communities. That means becoming involved so that we have safe neighborhoods and good educational opportunities for children of all ages.”

Throughout her 24-year career, Horner had displayed leadership at the local and state level and made significant contributions to the well-being of families and children. In 2006, she was named Instructor of the Year at Ivy Tech in Logansport.
In 1999, just seven years after earning his doctoral degree, Hailin Qu was named full professor and the William E. Davis Distinguished Chair in the School of Hotel and Restaurant Administration at Oklahoma State University (OSU) in Stillwater. He is director of the Center for Hospitality and Tourism Research, and in 2006, was named the Regents Professor.

His 22-year career includes faculty appointments at the Shanghai Institute of Tourism, the Hong Kong Polytechnic University, and San Francisco State University. He is recipient of the 2008 Michael Olsen Research Achievement Award at the University of Delaware; the 2005 Regents Distinguished Research Award, the President’s Leadership and Service Certificate of Excellence Award, and the 2004 Marguerite Scruggs Award for Meritorious Research at OSU; and the 1998 Centennial Distinguished Alumni Award from the School of Hotel and Restaurant Management at Northern Arizona University.

“My experiences at Purdue have provided and prepared me with the fundamental and leading knowledge and skills to be competitive in teaching, research, and outreach in a diversified and global society,” Qu says. “I am very proud of myself as a Boilermaker!”

His research interests are hospitality and tourism service quality, consumer behavior and loyalty, and tourism economic impact and forecasting. In a recent study published in *Tourism Management*, Qu was ranked the 15th leading researcher worldwide in publishing at three top-tier hospitality and tourism journals. He has published more than 160 refereed articles and received 38 research grants and/or contracts totaling more than $1.6 million.

Qu is the editor-in-chief for the refereed *Journal of Quality Assurance in Hospitality and Tourism* and has served on eight other national or international refereed journals’ editorial boards.

The professional accomplishments of Sister Mary Stuart of Lexington, Kentucky, span a lifetime. In the early years of her career, she taught elementary and high school in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the Dominican Republic. Since earning a PhD in human nutrition from Purdue, she has made significant contributions to nutrition research and the field of dietetics.

In 1992, she left the University of Kentucky after five years as director of the Coordinated Program in Dietetics to create an outreach nutrition service at Saint Joseph HealthCare in Lexington to serve the rural poor in six Appalachian counties. Her goal was to provide nutrition services in communities that were two to three hours away from the hospital. After 15 years, the program now provides nutrition services to 10 rural clinics and a mobile clinic. Although Stuart retired in 2002 as the hospital’s outreach dietitian, she remains active as a registered dietitian volunteering in two of the clinics close to her home.

“An education is like a golden key that unlocks numerous opportunities for advancement and wealth,” Stuart says. “However, one should seek to help others along the way and make the world a better place in which to live.”

She continues her involvement with the Department of Foods and Nutrition at Purdue through a scholarship she created in memory of her parents. In the past, she offered dietetics students the opportunity to experience a dietetics practicum in rural Kentucky under her guidance.

For her exceptional leadership and service to the profession of dietetics, the Kentucky Dietetic Association named her Outstanding Dietitian of the Year in 1993. From 1996 to 2007, she received four community service awards from different organizations.
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.

ZOE COULSON

CFS ED BS ’54

Throughout her professional life, Zoe Coulson of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, made her mark — from being the first female corporate officer at Campbell Soup Company and the first woman on the board of directors of Rubbermaid Inc. to being a senior editor at Good Housekeeping and writing two cookbooks that sold more than 8 million copies worldwide.

In the 1990s, she went to Nizhny-Novgorod and Moscow, Russia, as a volunteer for the International Executive Service Corps, an organization that sends retired executives to help new companies start up in emerging countries. Here, she introduced the ‘revolutionary’ concept of marketing directly to consumers.

Closer to home, Coulson is director of the Harvard Business School Club of Philadelphia (she graduated in advanced management in 1983) where she works with the program, “Strategies for Non-Profit Managers,” an annual workshop for directors of more than 50 local non-profit organizations.

As president of the Purdue Club of Philadelphia, she helps meet their mission of establishing a Purdue presence in the mid-Atlantic area. The club’s goal is to raise at least $500 for an annual scholarship for Purdue Crew (the team competes annually in the area’s Dad Vail Regatta). She also represents Purdue at high school college fairs.

In her community, she is development trustee for the Friends of Old Pine Street and raises funds for the historic Presbyterian Church and Cemetery where signers of the Declaration of Independence and Constitution are buried.

Coulson says, “I ‘work’ almost full time on my community projects, but they are quite fulfilling since I believe in helping others.”

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.

JON STORY AND MARGARET GOSSARD STORY

CDFS MS ’85

By many accounts, Jon and Margie Story are goodwill ambassadors for the College of Consumer and Family Sciences as well as Purdue. The Storys of West Lafayette both work at Purdue and repeatedly go out of their way to help students feel at home on the West Lafayette campus.

Jon is a professor in the Department of Foods and Nutrition and also associate dean in the Office of Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs of the Graduate School. Margie is an academic advisor in the Department of Consumer Sciences and Retailing and has also worked in the Department of Child Development and Family Studies as an academic advisor, early literacy specialist, and head teacher and program coordinator with the Child Development Laboratory School.

“We have thoroughly enjoyed our time as faculty advisors and teachers, and both of us have found our interactions with Purdue students to be among the best memories we have in CFS,” Jon says. “We have been blessed with being able to maintain our friendship with many of these students over the years.”

On many occasions, the Storys have opened their home to students and staff, providing a welcoming and warm family atmosphere. When prospective students tour the college, Jon takes time to talk with them and give a tour of his lab. He also makes time to attend student events hosted by the college.

Throughout her various positions in the college, Margie has always put students first, helping them to meet challenges and find success. She is a mentor for Horizons and served 10 years as advisor to the Purdue Association for the Education of Young Children. Both Jon and Margie are extraordinary role models for students, faculty, and staff.
Excel in Scholarship and Service

Angela Fast knew the CFS Honors program would help her gain the experience she would need to get into medical school. Fast, who traveled to Nicaragua on a medical missions trip in May, is currently deciding which medical school to attend in the fall.

“I am particularly attracted to this field because nutrition is a major environmental aspect over which individuals have an active control,” she says. “I believe prevention is the best medicine, and nutrition is a vital part of health and prevention of many diseases.”

As part of the CFS Honors program, she worked with a faculty mentor in Foods and Nutrition to complete a research project involving DNA cloning techniques on transgenic mice.

Her leadership roles include serving as a teaching assistant for biology and a tutor for chemistry. Recognized with Dean’s List and Semester Honors every semester at Purdue, she is a member of Kappa Omicron Nu and Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma honor societies. A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma, she attended the Indiana Greek Leadership Conference and was active in the Panhellenic Association.

Fast says one of the most important experiences of her undergraduate studies was spending six months in Europe studying at the University of Kent in Canterbury, England.

“I’ve traveled to other countries and seen first-hand how much easier life is here,” she says. “These kinds of experiences shaped my perspective to focus on the big picture rather than get caught up in the little details, and that’s why service is important to me.”

Fast has volunteered with the Special Olympics, Reading is Fundamental, Raising Awareness of International Medicine, tsunami relief, and several other philanthropies.

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 2008.

Outstanding Seniors

MAJOR NUTRITION SCIENCE / HOMETOWN ANDERSON, INDIANA

“I believe prevention is the best medicine, and nutrition is a vital part of health and prevention of many diseases.”

ANGELA FAST

in a foods and nutrition laboratory
Having spent most of her youth in Hong Kong, Alexandra Gagnon gained an early appreciation for diversity and cultural awareness, so it’s not surprising that study abroad played a prominent role in her education.

In summer 2006, she completed a retail internship with Lane Crawford in Hong Kong and spent the following semester at Peking University for an intensive language immersion.

“I was pushed to challenge my language skills, adapt to a different university system, and be open to understanding other cultures,” she says. “Through this experience and the people I met in Beijing, I started to challenge some of my preexisting thoughts and behaviors and matured as a person.”

Gagnon, who holds dual citizenship in the U.S. and Hong Kong, is fluent in both written and spoken Mandarin Chinese. Last summer, she interned with Liz Claiborne working with international markets. After graduation, she will be employed as a retail consultant with Kurt Salmon Associates in Atlanta, Georgia, and hopes to eventually work overseas.

While at Purdue, she served as a CFS Ambassador for three years, a mentor to first-year students majoring in retail management, and volunteered with College Mentors for Kids and the International Center. She held leadership positions with Mortar Board, the Panhellenic Association, and the Diversity Leadership Group. In April, she was one of seven Purdue students to receive the Charles O. McGaughey Leadership Award.

“Service is essential to personal development — no matter how big or small, you have the ability to make an impact,” says Gagnon. “Service prompts you to develop compassion, understanding, and invokes a general motivation to challenge the process.”

When Bethany Sherrill had the chance to head the decorations committee for a banquet during her junior year of high school, she didn’t realize the long-term impact of that decision.

“I absolutely loved it, and from that time on I participated in planning all of our major events,” says Sherrill, who plans a career in catering at an Indianapolis-area hotel. “When I found Purdue’s HTM program, I decided this was the career path to pursue.”

A hardworking student, she graduated in three years and was recognized on the Dean’s List or Semester Honors every semester. She is a member of Pi Gamma Theta chapter of the Eta Sigma Delta Hospitality Honor Society. While carrying an above average course load, she participated in the HTM Society’s Black Tie Dinner each of her three years, serving as hostess, server, and executive assistant.

“The Black Tie allows us as students to practice the skills we are learning and to meet industry professionals,” she says. “Each position I held gave me a unique perspective in putting on a high-class event. This experience will be very beneficial in my career.”

Last summer, she completed an internship in catering and convention services at the Westin Stonebriar Resort in Frisco, Texas. She also participated as a member of a team in the 2007 Sara Lee Innovation Award competition at Purdue.

Outside of school, she was a member of Purdue Bible Fellowship and helped organize FaithWorks, an annual community service week sponsored by campus ministries. Throughout college, she was active at Faith Baptist Church and served as the children’s church kindergarten teacher.

“Service is essential to personal development — no matter how big or small, you have the ability to make an impact.”
Alison Steele
MAJOR YOUTH, ADULT, AND FAMILY SERVICES / HOMETOWN LAFAYETTE, INDIANA

Throughout Alison Steele’s college career, service to others has been as important as what she learns in the classroom. Her goal is to work for a social service agency and ultimately pursue a master’s degree in social work, family and marriage therapy, or religious consulting.

“I recognize and appreciate when I am lent a hand, so I want to do my part in helping others with the skills I have been blessed with,” she says. “I enjoy seeing others smile and would do anything for someone if I knew that it would benefit them. My major helped develop the passion I have for service and provided the knowledge base to make a difference through serving others.”

Inspired by her brother, Ryan, who has Down syndrome, she worked the last two years as a care provider for children with disabilities at Community Ventures in Living. During the summer 2007, she interned as a case manager with Deborah’s Place, a non-profit organization serving homeless women in Chicago.

“Getting to do hands on work with children who have a disability and working with their families to establish goals was an incredible experience,” she says. “At Deborah’s Place, it was tough watching women go through the daily struggles associated with homelessness, but I was encouraged by their persistence to not give up.”

On the Dean’s List every semester, Steele received several honors including the YWCA Women of Promise Award. She held leadership roles with Kappa Alpha Theta Sorority, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Greek Intervarsity for Christ, and Purdue Women’s Club Soccer.

Magan Waclawski
MAJOR CFS EDUCATION / HOMETOWN ELK GROVE VILLAGE, ILLINOIS

Magan Waclawski says working with children has always come naturally to her. A certified child care teacher with extensive experience working with infants through school-age children, Waclawski plans a career teaching family and consumer sciences in middle or high school.

This spring, she student taught at a middle school and says of the experience, “I just fell in love with this age group, and it reaffirmed that teaching is what I need to be doing with my life if I want to stay happy.”

During the fall, she completed a service-learning project with four other CFS education students that involved making and serving healthy snacks to children in the Stay and Play program at the Greater Lafayette YWCA. Wanting to leave a lasting impact, Waclawski wrote a grant and received funding to create the Healthy Snacks Cookbook: Fun Snacks and Fun Facts for children.

“Learning how to write grants and to use them effectively really taught me a lot,” she says. “I was able to take so much out of this ‘simple’ service learning project.”

Inside the classroom, she demonstrated outstanding ability, achieving Semester Honors and Dean’s List every semester at Purdue. She also is the first recipient of the Mary Griffin Memorial Scholarship.
To ensure that talented students from diverse economic and cultural backgrounds have the opportunity to attend and flourish at Purdue, the University is launching the Access & Success campaign. The seven-year initiative will seek $304 million in scholarship and program support and an additional $32 million for student-athlete support.

The College of Consumer and Family Sciences portion of the campaign is $9.5 million, with more than half designated for direct financial support of undergraduates and graduate students. Here are the six initiatives of the CFS Access & Success campaign.

**UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS**

$3 million

- **Dean’s Merit Scholarships: $1.5 million**
  To ensure that high-ability students have access to a Purdue education, the college will increase the size of annual awards to students receiving Dean’s Merit Scholarships. An increase in dollar amount will be more meaningful to students and will encourage them to strive to achieve annual renewal of the scholarship.

- **Donor-Preference Criteria Scholarships: $1.5 million**
  The college will offer new named scholarships for students based on criteria defined by donors. Such criteria may include financial need, major, or residency among others.

**CULTURAL AND GLOBAL AWARENESS**

$1 million

- **Study Abroad Scholarships: $750,000**
  CFS will increase the size and number of scholarships awarded to students for study abroad. Scholarship money can go toward paying base fees, international health insurance, housing/meals, program fees, and airfare.

- **Other Cultural Experiences: $250,000**
  The existence of a multicultural environment encourages respect, understanding, acceptance of differences, and a sense of community. The college will increase funding for students, faculty, and staff participating in multicultural initiatives. Student-related diversity initiatives include student organizations, learning communities, study abroad, and college courses. Faculty and staff have the opportunity to participate in diversity awareness education and training.

**HOSPITALITY BOUND**

$2.5 million

CFS will create a program to encourage students in urban public schools to take an interest in hospitality and tourism management as a career. The program, Hospitality Bound, will include a summer program on the West Lafayette campus and an internship experience in Indianapolis. Successful completion of the program would provide financial assistance to admitted students choosing to major in hospitality and tourism management.

**CFS HONORS PROGRAM**

$500,000

The college will increase funds available for programs and projects in the CFS Honors Program. Those enrolled in the program experience the challenges and rewards associated with planning and completing a research project under the guidance of a Faculty Honors Advisor.

**GRADUATE ASSISTANTSHIPS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

$2 million

- **Research Assistantships: $1 million**
  The size of assistantship awards will be increased to ensure that the college can continue to attract and develop the best scholarly talent. Funds will be used for recruiting, retention, and completion of research and dissertation projects.

- **Graduate Fellowships: $1 million**
  Fellowships provide a stipend for living and educational expenses, allowing graduate students to pursue graduate study full time. The college will supplement existing fellowships and develop new ones for CFS graduate students.

**SERVICE LEARNING**

$500,000

Service learning provides students with a real-world perspective and opportunities to apply what they have learned. The college will establish private support for students participating in service learning programs and projects.

For more information on Access & Success and how you can help, contact CFS Development at (800) 535-7303, (765) 494-7890, or cfshalms@purdue.edu.
Career Connections

The 2008 Consumer Sciences and Retailing (CSR) Career Conference provided recruiters from companies such as Target and MGM Mirage an opportunity to meet and interview Purdue students interested in sales, retail, or financial services careers. The conference is organized by the CSR Professional Development Council, a student organization, and held annually in February. The two-day event includes a career fair, interviews, a luncheon and keynote speaker, and a dinner for company representatives and seniors.

A Volunteer Vacation

The Purdue Chapter of Ambassadors for Children traveled to El Salvador during spring break. The students delivered school supplies (the little girl at right is holding the packet she received), volunteered at orphanages and hospitals, and helped with community projects. During the week, they served 850 children, volunteered 62 hours, and donated $4,500 in aid. CFS students pictured are (above) Elizabeth E. Baker, John Beattie, and (at left) Maggie Hoamanawanui.
America’s Next Top Fashion Designer?

The annual Spring Fashion Show attracted more than 1,300 people to the two shows held March 29 in Ross-Ade Pavilion. The student-organized show is sponsored by the Purdue Fashion Association and showcases designs created by apparel design and technology students. The Audience Select Award for Best Senior Runway Collection went to Kat Goodrich of Hebron, Indiana — her design is featured at right. The designs pictured at left and center were created by senior Rachel Em from Vernon Hills, Illinois, and senior Missy Glasgow from Madison, Indiana. Students begin preparing for the show early in the fall semester and were responsible for raising money, logistics, music selection, training the models, and of course, designing the fashions to be showcased.

Celebrating Our Diversity

At the annual CFS Diversity Fair in April, Shruti Poulsen, a continuing lecturer in Child Development and Family Studies, shows Volker Thomas, associate professor of marriage and family therapy, what it’s like to wear an ear-nose-less, a festive piece of jewelry worn by women in northern India.

With Honors

Retail management senior Ellen Mrzlack discusses her research on consumer choice in healthcare at the CFS Honors Colloquium Poster Session in April. The annual colloquium gives seniors in the CFS Honors Program the opportunity to display their honors research projects for faculty, family, and friends.
Felker Leadership Series

Tami Longaberger (left), CEO and chair of The Longaberger Company, kicked off the 2008 Felker Leadership Series, which focused on women leaders. Fred Whitford (above) spoke about Virginia Meredith and later signed copies of his book *The Queen of American Agriculture: A Biography of Virginia Claypool Meredith*. CFS alumna Sally Brown, PhD ’05, (right) shared her story as founder and president of Ambassadors for Children. Joyce Beery Miles, BS ’65, presented the contributions of home economics pioneer Ellen Richards (see page 10).

Exploring the French Paradox

A group of CFS students, faculty, and alumni traveled to Roanne, France, over spring break to explore the phenomenon known as the “French Paradox” in which the French experience a low incidence of heart disease, despite having a diet high in saturated fats. Dean Dennis Savaiano (far left) and Carol Boushey (far right), associate professor in Foods and Nutrition, led the tour that included 12 students. Dean Savaiano’s wife, Cathy (back row, second from left) and CFS alumna Jane Shade Link, BS ’67 (front row, far left) of Sunman, Indiana, also went on the trip. They made daily excursions to local markets, a vineyard, an oil press, and a chocolate maker. They also took cooking and wine classes.
Barbara Dilley Hanauer, BS '75, Bloomfield, Indiana, is a homemaker and retired teacher from Bloomfield Junior/Senior High School. She is a volunteer assistant coach for boys and girls cross country and has baked an average of 10,000 cookies a year for the last 15 years that she donates. In 2007, she walked 2,538 miles.

Cynthia Sotter McGarrigle, BS '76, Glenview, Illinois, is vice president of industry programs for the American Egg Board.

Peggy Rebber Powers, BS '76, Exton, Pennsylvania, teaches middle school family and consumer sciences in the North Penn School District. She and her husband, William, have three grown children, Bradley, Whitney, and Bartley.

Barbara Nagy Daugherty, BS '77, Redlands, California, is the director of business operations for the San Bernardino Convention and visitors Bureau and recently opened an official California Welcome Center.

Kathleen Varga Gansfuss, BS '77, Niskayuna, New York, is director of recreation for the Town of Niskayuna. She and her husband, John ('77 Purdue grad), have three children, Kelly, Caitlin, and Tyler.

Lorene McCormick Burkhart, BS '56, HDR '97, Indianapolis, Indiana, was a featured presenter at the 2008 Midwest Women in Agriculture conference, held February 20–21 in Columbus, Indiana. Longtime entrepreneur and philanthropist, Lorene recently formed the Burkhart Network to pursue the development and release of books for children and adults. Here, she signs Raccoon Tails: The Adventures of Hip, Skip, Flip and Boo, one of a series of children’s books she’s written. To learn more about Lorene, including her latest book Home on the Farm: If Chickens Could Talk, visit her Web site at http://burkhartnetwork.com.
Donald Fraser III, BS ’86, New York, New York, was named corporate director of operations at Denihan Hospitality Group where he will oversee housekeeping, laundry, and maintenance operations. He has more than 20 years experience in the hospitality industry and previously was general manager of the Hilton Newark Penn Station.

Shannon Lambirth Smeltz, AS ’86, BS ’88, Lafayette, Indiana, has joined the staff at Keller Williams Realty Lafayette Market Center.

Carol Cravens Clark, BS ’88, Williamsport, Indiana, is the new executive director of the Warren County Community Foundation.

Thomas K. Hamilton, BS ’88, Chicago, Illinois, joined United Airlines as a senior program manager. He works on the design and development of customer and employee facing applications.

Marcia Turner Kendall, BS ’88, Indianapolis, Indiana, and her husband, Brian, welcomed a daughter on November 27, 2007.

Brenda Knebel, BS ’88, Lafayette, Indiana, is the director of admissions for the master’s and executive programs of the Kranert School of Business.

Debra Quakenbush Archer, BS ’90, Frankfort, Indiana, attended the 126th annual convention of the National Funeral Directors Association.

Joyce Beery Miles, BS ’65, Maggie Valley, North Carolina, researched the history of home economics pioneer Ellen Swallow Richards (1842–1911) to help promote the 100th anniversary of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in 2009. Miles is traveling the country this year and next to bring Richards’ legacy to life through a one-woman stage dramatization. She has also produced a DVD detailing Richards’ life and contributions. To learn more about Richards or to purchase the DVD, visit the CFS Web site at www.cfs.purdue.edu/pages/about/history.html.

Robert Smolka, BS ’90, Pinellas Park, Florida, and his wife, Mandy, welcomed their second daughter, Emily Jean, on February 23, 2007. Robert is celebrating his 10th anniversary as a letter carrier with the United States Postal Service. He’d like friends to contact him at sparemaster68@yahoo.com.

Kevin M. Fink, BS ’91, Houston, Texas, is a certified financial planner with Wealth Design Group LLC. He and his wife, Kristine, have two children, Jason and Robert.

Alois Johnson, BS ’91, Fort Wayne, Indiana, is director of the ITT Technical Institute in Fort Wayne.

Kim Jochim Meyerholtz, BS ’91, Avon, Indiana, and her husband, Mark (’90 Purdue grad), welcomed a daughter on December 20, 2007. Kim is corporate director of rooms operations with White Lodging.
David A. Scott, BS ’91, Taylor Mill, Kentucky, is a sales representative with Restaurant Equipment Distributing Inc.

Scott D. Kern, BS ’92, Island Lake, Illinois, is regional director of operations at Compass Group NAD. He and his wife, Paula (’92 Purdue grad), have two children, Carissa and Joel.

Vince Kraus, BS ’92, Goshen, Kentucky, is a terminal manager with ContainerPort Group.

Jennifer Bushore, BS ’95, Lafayette, Indiana, has recently completed the True Colors Basic Awareness Facilitator training.

Anna Zolvinski, BS ’95, Chicago, Illinois, is a para professional with Pier Associates Ltd.

Karen L. White, BS ’96, Plano, Texas, is an associate RD manager with Pizza Hut Inc.

Michael P. Chapter, BS ’97, Medford, Massachusetts, is a senior research and development technologist with Dunkin Brands Inc.

Tracy Ebaugh Crowder, BS ’97, Savage, Minnesota, welcomed a daughter, Greyson Lorin Crowder, on December 8, 2007. Tracy is a buyer with Target Corp. in Minneapolis.

Christine Zgonina, BS ’97, Chicago, Illinois, is a GBS senior consultant-supply chain systems with IBM Global Business Services.

Kristina Olesky Korchnak, BS ’98, Lafayette, Indiana, welcomed her first child, a son, on October 12, 2007.

David M. Kuck, BS ’98, Meridian, Idaho, is principal agent and owner of David M. Kuck Insurance and Financial Services LLC. His wife, Kali Jo, is a registered nurse.

Darshan P. Makim, BS ’98, Washington, DC, is a financial advisor for Merrill Lynch.

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Jamie Ware Bartula, BS ’00, Houston, Texas, married Daren Bartula on January 19, 2008 in Houston.

Matthew L. Guglielmetti, BS ’00, Jamaica Plain, Massachusetts, is the senior manager of global revenue management business support with Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide.

Nikole Friend Barrett, BS ’02, Mishawaka, Indiana, accepted a new position as renal dietitian and counselor with Nephrology Inc. She will be providing outpatient nutrition information to chronic kidney disease patients.

Samuel L. Burns, BS ’02, Lafayette, Indiana, has joined Lafayette Savings Bank as a commercial loan officer.

Derrick W. Dilts, BS ’02, Monticello, Indiana, is president of Dilts Brothers. He and his wife, Emily (’03 Purdue grad), have two children, Moses and Lillian.

Julie Bennett Lieb, BS ’02, Centerville, Minnesota, and her husband, Chris, welcomed twin boys, Aidyn and Xander, on December 28, 2007. Julie is a commercial underwriter with Auto-Owners Insurance.

Beth Riedeman, BS ’02, Lafayette, Indiana, has become an independent design representative for Mi Bolsa Custom Handbags and sets up “design study” home parties and events.

Margaret Miller Ryan, BS ’02, Maineville, Ohio, welcomed her first child, James Ryan, on September 2, 2007. Margaret works in human resources for Enterprise Rent-A-Car.

Holly Allman, BS ’03, Indianapolis, Indiana, is assistant store manager at Golfsmith.

Michele Beals Alexander, BS ’83, Noblesville, Indiana, and her husband, Steven (’83 Purdue grad) have opened Camp Bow Wow® Carmel, a premier doggy day care and overnight boarding facility. Michele says they offer their “campers” lots of indoor and outdoor play spaces complete with doggy playground equipment, spacious cabins with comfy cots, camper cams (so owners can rest easy), and a lounge area for small and elderly dogs. Camp counselors are trained in animal first aid and CPR. In addition to owning the new business, Michele works as a real estate consultant with Keller Williams Realty. Steven is a mechanical engineer and programmer in the automotive industry. For information on Camp Bow Wow®, visit www.campbowwow.com/carmel.

Cassandra Lyster, BS ’00, Chicago, Illinois, is an associate HR partner with DoubleClick Performics. She married Ryan Yates in July 2006.

Erin Thornburg, BS ’00, Chicago, Illinois, is association manager at SmithBucklin.

Tim Stibich, BS ’94, Chicago, Illinois, has been a fireman with Chicago’s Engine 62 since 2000. (He’s third from left in the photo.) He also works part-time at Levy Restaurants at U.S. Cellular Field, home of the Chicago White Sox. He and his wife, Jessica, were married in September 2005, and they welcomed Sophia in September 2006.
**Katherine Giberson Byers**, BS ’03, Chicago, Illinois, earned a master’s degree in integrated marketing communications from Northwestern University and joined public relations firm Edelman as an account supervisor.

**Joe Mikol**, BS ’03, Helene, Alabama, is assistant supervisor of the Child Nutrition Program for Hoover City Schools.

**Holly Hunsberger**, BS ’04, Lafayette, Indiana, has been named an account executive for Purdue Sports Properties.

**Allison Mark Mayer**, BS ’04, Indianapolis, Indiana, and her husband, Tyler Mayer (’04 Purdue grad), welcomed Lily Grace on October 17, 2007.

**Eric Miller**, BS ’04, Indianapolis, Indiana, is an associate budget analyst with the Indiana State Budget Agency.

**Amanda Emrick Schildmeier**, BS ’04, Port Saint Lucie, Florida, was promoted to catering and events manager at the Columbia Sussex/Hutchinson Island Marriott where she had been restaurant manager for three years.

**Melissa Smuck Stout**, BS ’04, West Lafayette, Indiana, and her husband, Joseph Stout (’07 Purdue grad), welcomed Owen Joseph on January 6, 2008. Melissa is the chief case coordinator with the Debra Corn Agency.

**Heather Freund**, BS ’05, Arvada, Colorado, was recently promoted to catering sales manager at the Brown Palace Hotel & Spa. Previously, she was the banquet manager. She and **Mauricio de Gortari**, BS ’05, are planning a September wedding.

**Amy Johnson Mireles**, BS ’05, Fort Wayne, Indiana, married Cisco Mireles on November 24, 2007. Amy is director of selection at Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. She currently serves on boards for Young Leaders of Northeast Indiana and the Fort Wayne Women’s Bureau.

**Kory M. Arvin**, BS ’06, Remington, Indiana, has joined Neil Klemme State Farm Insurance in West Lafayette.

**Melissa Adams**, BS ’06, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, was recently promoted to restaurant manager at The Original Fish Market at the Westin Convention Center Hotel.

**Frankie Gilmore**, BS ’07, Minneapolis, Minnesota, is a business management associate at General Mills.

**Jenna Hammonds**, BS ’07, West Lafayette, Indiana, was married to Jeff Demerly (’06 Purdue grad) on September 15, 2007.

**Natalie S. Oser**, BS ’07, Jersey City, New Jersey, is a general sales manager for Macy’s.

**Ashley Simpson**, BS ’07, Lafayette, Indiana, is a partnership development and sales manager with Lafayette-West Lafayette Convention and Visitors Bureau.

**Erin Taylor Slater**, BS ’02, Fishers, Indiana, was named to the “40 Under 40” 2008 Class by the *Indianapolis Business Journal*. Erin is CEO of College Mentors for Kids, an organization that pairs at-risk elementary school children with college student mentors. She also received the 2008 Torchbearer Award in Youth Mentoring from the Indiana Commission for Women for her efforts toward making Indiana a better place to live, work, and raise a family. Purdue’s chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta honor society recognized her with their 2008 Alumni Award of Merit, and in 2007, she was named Indianapolis’ Best and Brightest in the Education and Non-Profit category. As a college student majoring in youth, adult, and family services, Erin founded the Purdue chapter of College Mentors for Kids in 1998. Ten years later, the Purdue chapter is the organization’s largest and the first to serve 100 children.

**Michael Stokes**, BS ’95, Iowa City, Iowa, is the new assistant to the president at the president’s residence at the University of Iowa. He serves President Sally Mason, previously the provost at Purdue University. He manages the residence and grounds, including maintenance, housekeeping, landscaping and gardening, and construction and renovation projects. He also plans and manages all events held at the residence, ensuring a warm and inviting environment for all guests. Michael is the CFS Alumni Board president, and would love to hear from fellow alums — just send an e-mail to him at Michael-b-stokes@uiowa.edu.
E V E N T S

CALENDAR

2008

June 21
Purdue Day in Chicago
Chicago-area alumni and friends are invited to join us for an architectural boat tour. For information, visit www.purdue.edu/events and go to the Event List.

August 15
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 19–20
Foods and Nutrition Corporate Affiliates
For more information, visit the Foods and Nutrition Web site at www.cfs.purdue.edu/fn.

September 23
HTM Career Day
For more information, visit www.cfs.purdue.edu/HTM/undergrad/career_day.shtml.

October 3–4
CFS Dean’s Club Appreciation Weekend
Members of the CFS Dean’s Club will want to mark their calendars for this special weekend. Activities include an appreciation dinner, Purdue Convocations’ Jazz at Lincoln Center Orchestra with Wynton Marsalis, and the Purdue vs. Penn State football game. Invitations will be mailed to CFS Dean’s Club members in August. Visit the CFS Web site at www.cfs.purdue.edu this summer for event details.

October 24
CFS Alumni Board Meeting
8:00 a.m.–Noon

October 24–25
CFS Festive Friday and Purdue Homecoming
Mark your calendars to spend Homecoming in West Lafayette! Look for your invitation in August. Visit the CFS Web site at www.cfs.purdue.edu this summer for event details.

President’s Council Annual Weekend
For more information, visit www.purdue.edu/events/annual_weekend.

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

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A Time to Celebrate

About 375 Consumer and Family Sciences students celebrated earning their degrees at commencement on May 10. Giving their mortarboards the traditional toss are CFS graduates who are all members of Delta Zeta sorority. They are (from left) Christine Santo, hospitality and tourism management; Jessica Sweets, selling and sales management; Amy Prochaska, hospitality and tourism management; Caroline Yates, hospitality and tourism management; Erin Davey, selling and sales management; and Ashley Berger, selling and sales management.