



Tours Offered for the New Family and Consumer Sciences Building

The department has set October 4, Family Day and October 18, Homecoming, for providing tours of the new building. Tours will be open to all campus visitors between 10 am and 1 p.m. both days.

From the Chairperson

Family & Consumer Sciences Celebrates 100 Years at PSU *Welcome to the Start of Our Second Century*

The PSU Family & Consumer Sciences Department began back in 1903 when the department was called Domestic Arts and Domestic Sciences. At that time we were one of the two programs offered at what was known as Kansas State Manual Training Normal School Auxiliary. Through the years we have made name changes and continued to have major impacts on the college, community, and society both within and outside of the core professions. Our mission, "to provide educational programs and experiences that develop professional and life skills that help people function more effectively in their daily living and working environments," remains as the centerpiece for our efforts.

With the start of the new century comes the opening of our new facility. The Family & Consumer Sciences Building will be completed in October. The building contains special lab facilities for computers, drafting, food science, clothing construction, and the preschool lab program. Please be sure to read the articles about our upcoming open

house tours scheduled for October 4 and 18. We have scheduled these as part of the centennial observance. In addition, we are taking our show on the road to the PSU Kansas City Metro Center to visit with alumni in the Kansas City area on October 15. The highlight of this event will be a video tour of the new building.

We regret that we were unable to print a newsletter last spring due to budget limitations. This was noticed by many alumni who were looking forward to news of our new building and our growing program. We enjoy being able to provide this source of contact to our many graduates. We thank you for your continued interest, personal and career updates, and financial support of our department.



-Duane A. Whitbeck, EdD

PSU Family & Consumer Sciences Recognition Banquet

The Department of Family and Consumer Sciences held their Recognition Banquet in the Overman Student Center on Thursday evening, May 1.

Spring and Summer 2003 graduates were recognized in addition to scholarship recipients for the 2003-2004 academic year.

Special student recognition was given to:
Kellie Herndon for Early Childhood Student Organization Outstanding Student
Tanisha Troutt for Early Childhood Student Organization Outstanding Senior
Fawn Mace for Fashion Merchandising Association Outstanding Student
Kristen Likes for Interior Design Outstanding Senior Portfolio
Anne Endecott for Interior Design Outstanding Senior
Anne Endecott for International Interior Design Association Outstanding Officer
Rachael Barnes for International Interior Design Association Outstanding Member
Lexy Clower and Jessica Terrell as Professional Development School Students
Lexy Clower, Lacey Harmon and Shelly Smith as Teacher Education Outstanding Senior Portfolios
Lexy Clower and Lacey Harmon for Kansas Association of Family & Consumer Sciences Certificates of Service

Deborah Noakes received an award as Outstanding Recent Alumni. Noakes graduated in 1999 and is currently teaching Family & Consumer Sciences at Chanute High School.

Outstanding FCS Alumni went to Ruth Rohde and Beth Bradrick.

Outstanding Business Support went to the Design Resource Group based in Kansas City. Gary Cataldi and Ted Cox were in attendance to accept this award.

Susie Dalton, a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher from Pittsburg High School was recognized as Outstanding Teacher Educator.

Robert and Doris Bradley were recognized with Outstanding Service to Our Department.

Tom and Conni Sharp, Pittsburg, were recognized as special donors for establishing a memorial scholarship in honor of their daughter, Gina Sharp, a former fashion merchandising student.



Vicki Wilbert (right) Early Childhood Development Faculty, congratulates Ruth Rohde, Outstanding FCS Alumni.



Dr. Whitbeck presents a certificate to Beth Bradrick, Outstanding FCS Alumni.



Chairperson Duane Whitbeck with FCS faculty members Angie Dowell, Vicki Wilbert, Denise Bertoncino and Cris Elliott.



FCS Scholarship Recipients for 2003-04.



Spring and Summer 2003 Graduates.

Doris Bradley FCS Faculty Development Fund

Doris and Robert Bradley established a fund to support FCS faculty development efforts in 2001. Through this fund, faculty will have continued opportunities to expand their knowledge base and promote the best learning environment to students. The Bradley's were recognized for their contributions to the department at the Spring Recognition Banquet. The fund has been added to by other individuals over the past two years and we invite alumni and other interested individuals to contact the department about adding to this or other departmental foundation accounts.

FCS Adds New Minor

A minor in Human Ecology has been added to the available areas of study. It will consist of 21 semester hours approved in consultation with a FCS advisor. The minor is designed to highlight the Human Ecology/Family & Consumer Sciences theoretical framework. It was added specifically to address the needs of students taking majors of a variety of complementary areas. Examples would include business majors desiring to gain a greater understanding of their customers, clients, and employees; psychology or sociology majors who need a broader background in the developmental issue of individuals and families; pre-med majors seeking a greater understanding of issues related to individuals and families. We expect to bring the holistic, integrative focus of family & consumer sciences to new groups of students and professions that have not previously been addressed.

France and Italy Study Tour

by Denise Bertoncino, Interior Design

The “Centuries of Design” study tour to France & Italy was a great success. The experience was a once in a lifetime for the students at Pittsburg State University.

While the study tour was set up through the interior design area, it was open to all students, faculty, and anyone with an interest in history.

The students encountered a number of new experiences as well as frustrations in dealing with a foreign adventure. The students not only participated in scheduled tours, but absorbed as much of the true feeling of Europe and its culture by joining in the daily life of each country.

Standing in Chateaux that once housed the Kings of France was enchanting. Students were given the opportunity to understand the political, economical and social happenings of the Renaissance, Rococo, Baroque, and Neoclassic periods of France.

Italy was a gastronomic and sight-seeing delight. The students were able to experience historic architecture and interiors from ancient Roman times to the glorious Renaissance. Standing inside the Colosseum, built in AD 80, gave the students the opportunity to contemplate the events that took place in this vast, fantastic, piece of architecture.

The summer study tour was sixteen days long and was located in two specific areas in both France and Italy. This type of planning allowed university students to soak up the culture and to familiarize themselves with the area. It is hoped that this trip will be the first of many educational tours, so we hope that next time you will join us for a great adventure.



Senior Interior Design Student Annie Endecott stands before the Colosseum in Rome, Italy. “We studied beautiful architecture, glorious glimpses of history, and varying cultures, but most interesting to me were the many intriguing characters that we met and observed along the way.”



Taken at Gardens at Chateaux-Villandry in Lorie Valley, France. First row (l-r): Annie Endecott and Meghann Milliken; Second row: Kristen Likes, Rachael Barnes and Christina Fetch; Third row: Meegan Gatewood, Stacy Chase and Missy Niegsch.

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New Faculty



Andrea Jordan and Jan Venter-Barkley

Jan Venter-Barkley

Dr. Jan Venter-Barkley has rejoined the faculty in the area of Early Childhood Development. Jan started teaching part-time for PSU back in 1983 and 84, and taught full time in 86 – 88. During that time she was the director of the preschool program, and taught both child development courses and fashion courses. After leaving PSU she went on to complete a Ph.D in Human Development and Family Studies with an emphasis in Early Childhood at the University of Missouri-Columbia. Jan has taught for the last 15 years at Fontbonne University in St. Louis.

One of her great interests is exploring how children come to know their world through their perceptions and their experiences. This construction of knowledge, constructivism, brings with it a wealth of learning opportunities for the college students that are learning under her direction.

Jan said that she expects students to come to her classes with a passion for working with children. She will help them leave with an in-depth knowledge of child development, assessment of skills and learning, and the ability to plan and implement appropriate curriculum. All of these are critical for teachers to successfully assist children in developing to their full potential.

Andrea Jordan

Andrea Jordan has joined the department as the lead teacher in the preschool lab program. She graduated from the department in 2000 within the early childhood development area and went on to teach in a community preschool program. Andrea has recently completed a Masters degree in early childhood special education. In talking about her philosophy of teaching she highlighted the importance of providing a blend of whole group and individual one-on-one interaction between teachers and children. Within a “whole child” philosophy children need to experience things that develop their abilities in all areas of learning. She is working on a special project with the program director to infuse more daily documentation of the children’s experiences into the program. This information once gathered will then be shared with the children’s parents.

December 2002 Graduates

Sarah Brown, Fashion Merchandising from Minneapolis, Kan. Sarah is employed at Victoria's Secret in Oak Park Mall in Kansas City, Kan.

Ragena Clark, Fashion Merchandising from Pittsburg, Kan. Ragena was married in January, 2003. She is employed at a local hospital until her husband graduates.

Lindsay Ellebrecht, Early Childhood Development from Overland Park, Kan. Lindsay is teaching preschoolers in Kansas City.

Jozette Hosfelt, FCS Education from Altamont, Kan. Jozette taught family & consumer sciences at Southeast High School in Wichita, Kan. during the spring. She is relocating to the Kansas City area.

Mackenzie Howland, Fashion Merchandising from Pretty Prairie, Kan. Mackenzie is a visual merchandising associate for JC Penney's home department at Town West Square in Wichita, Kan. She is also in graduate school taking business administration classes.

Rebecca Lyerla, Early Childhood Development from Olathe, Kan. Rebecca works as a preschool teacher in the Olathe, Kansas area.

Stacy Million, Early Childhood Development from Pittsburg, Kan. Stacy is a teacher of 3-5 year-olds at The Center in Pittsburg.

Karla Musser, Fashion Merchandising from Joplin, Mo. Current information unavailable.

Misty Powell, Early Childhood Development from Rose Hill, Kan. Misty is working on a masters in Early Childhood Special Education, at Pittsburg State University.

Linda Pugh-Davis, FCS Education from Carthage, Kan. Linda teaches at Jasper High School, in Missouri. She teaches family and consumer sciences half time and special education half time.

Victoria Reeves-Herlocker, Interior Design from Girard, Kan. Victoria is self-employed as a caregiver in addition to caring for her infant daughter, Laural.

Summer 2003 Graduates

Swanner Beasley, Early Childhood Development, Frontenac, Kan. Swanner's husband recently joined the army and they are waiting to be relocated.

Chelsea Delaney, Fashion Merchandising, Garland, Kan. Chelsea is assistant manager at Claire's on Meadowbrook Mall in Pittsburg.

Anne Endecott Goodin, Interior Design, Derby, Kan. Current information unavailable.

Tiffany Harry, Fashion Merchandising, Pittsburg, Kan. Current information unavailable.

Melissa Roberson, Fashion Merchandising, Olathe, Kan. Melissa is employed in the shoe department of JC Penney on the Oak Park Mall in Kansas City, Kan.

Spring 2003 Graduates

Stacy Barnett, Early Childhood Development, Girard, Kan. Stacy is a case manager-family counselor with Family Continuity in Palm Harbor, Florida.

Lacey Bivona, Fashion Merchandising, Overland Park, Kan. Current information unavailable.

Kristin Boyd, Individual and Family Management, Redfield, Kan. Kristen is the Chamber Tourism Director of Ft. Scott, Kan.

Holly Buntain, Early Childhood Development, Fort Scott, Kan. Holly is an early childhood teacher at St. Luke's Hospital in Kansas City.

Jessica Carrier, Early Childhood Development, Carthage, Mo. Jessica is a nanny for two doctors in Kansas City.

Heather Culbertson, Fashion Merchandising, Cherryvale, Kan. Current information unavailable.

Jean Donnell, FCS Teacher Education, Wyandotte, Okla. Jean is a permanent substitute in the band/music department at Wyandotte Public Schools in Okla.

Lindsay Enos, Fashion Merchandising, Adrian, Mo. Current information unavailable.

Laura Hotchkiss, Fashion Merchandising, Prairie Village, Kan. Laura is assistant manager of Hollister in the Independence Center. This store is a part of Ambercrombie.

Lindsay Krumbholz, Early Childhood Development, Lenexa, Kan. Lindsay is a traveling nanny and is also employed by a golf course.

Kristin Likes Haberstroh, Interior Design, Shawnee, Kan. Kristen was married in June,

Promotion and Networking

With the soon to be completed new Family and Consumer Sciences building the department plans to work to expand its reach and raise it's profile on campus, in the community and in the region. As a part of this effort we have set goals for departmental promotion. You as alumni can help us through passing on the word to any prospective students about our department. Additionally we are seeking to develop a file of prospective internship opportunities in the areas of Interior Design, Fashion Merchandising and Early Childhood Development. If you work for or know of a possible placement site for our students in any area of the country please send us contact information so we can compile a resource bank for our students. Send information to hviets@pittstate.edu.

2003. She works in the design studio at Pottery Barn in Kansas City.

Fawn Mace, Fashion Merchandising, Ottawa, Kan. Fawn worked as a stylist for Nordstrom during the summer and is seeking visual merchandising employment.

Velda Martin, Early Childhood Development, Pittsburg, Kan. Velda is taking education courses at PSU.

Jami Papish, Early Childhood Development, Frontenac, Kan. Jamie is lead preschool teacher at Canterbury Preparatory School in Overland Park, Kan.

Shelly Smith Livingston, FCS Teacher Education, Riverton, Kan. Shelly married Ryan Livingston in July of 2003. She is teaching family & consumer sciences at Webb City High School.

Karen Thomas, Early Childhood Development, Linn Valley, Kan. Karen is a team teacher at Granny's Schoolhouse in Louisburg, Kan.

Tanisha Troutt, Early Childhood Development, Pittsburg, Kan. Tanisha is a Family One Educator with Pittsburg Head Start.

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We sincerely apologize if any names were inadvertently left off the above list. If your name was omitted, please let us know so that it can be corrected in the future.



Interior Design students Justin Eastwood, Jeremy Crow, Christina Williams and Lashae Stinson review the floor plan for the new FCS Building.



Dr. Jan Venter-Barkley explains the documentation process to early childhood development students enrolled in Developmental Planning.



FCS Teacher Education students learn to setup equipment for Power Point presentations in Techniques For Teaching class.

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2003-2004 Scholarships

The following students received a total of \$25,083 in various scholarships for the 2003-2004 academic year:

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Meegan Gatewood, Fashion Merchandising, Frontenac, Kan.
Lacey Harmon, FCS Teacher Education, Joplin, Mo.
Jessica Terrell Burnett, FCS Teacher Education, Savonburg, Kan.

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Kellie Herndon, Early Childhood Development, Pittsburg, Kan.

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Amanda Laufenberg, Interior Design, Garden City, Kan.
Meghann Milliken, Fashion Merchandising, Leawood, Kan.

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Stephanie Schlagel, FCS Teacher Education, Bonner Springs, Kan.

GINA SHARP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Kristi Leal, FCS Teacher Education, Joplin, Mo.

CARRIE ARLENE WILLIAMS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Angela Brown Martin, Interior Design, Coffeyville, Kan.

FCS ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Melissa Adamson, Interior Design, Wichita, Kan.
Kimberly Castagno, Fashion Merchandising, Pittsburg, Kan.
Lexy Clower, FCS Teacher Education, Winfield, Kan.
Kaleena Daniels, Interior Design, Olathe, Kan.
Madeline Gurney, FCS Teacher Education, Lincoln, Kan.
Amanda Laufenberg, Interior Design, Garden City, Kan.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND SCHOLARSHIP

Cynthia Fecke, Interior Design, Neodesha, Mo.
Elizabeth Harris, Fashion Merchandising, Pittsburg, Kan.
Kellie Herndon, Early Childhood Development, Pittsburg, Kan.
Kimberly Jordan, FCS Teacher Education, Beloit, Kan.
Andrea Meierhoff, Interior Design, Ulysses, Kan.
Rebecca Reid, Fashion Merchandising, Columbus, Kan.
Ashlee Shearburn, Interior Design, Columbus, Kan.

PSU SECTION OF KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Lexy Clower, FCS Teacher Education, Winfield, Kan.
Lacey Harmon, FCS Teacher Education, Joplin, Mo.

EARLY CHILDHOOD STUDENT ORGANIZATION

Jennifer Carrel Evans, Early Childhood Development, Olathe, Kan.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION OF PHI UPSILON OMICRON SCHOLARSHIP

Meegan Gatewood, Fashion Merchandising, Frontenac, Kan.
Stephanie Schlagel, FCS Teacher Education, Bonner Springs, Kan.

ANITA K. LAURENT SCHOLARSHIP

Kimberly Jordan, FCS Teacher Education, Beloit, Kan.

KANSAS CITY FRIENDS OF FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

Kristi Leal, FCS Teacher Education, Joplin, Mo.

VIETNAM VETERANS SCHOLARSHIP ASSOCIATION

Angela Brown Martin, Interior Design, Coffeyville, Kan.

LOIS JOHNSON MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Jessica Terrell Burnett, FCS Teacher Education, Savonburg, Kan.

HONORS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

Rachael Barnes, Interior Design, Leavenworth, Kan.
Kaleena Daniels, Interior Design, Olathe, Kan.

STATE OF KANSAS SCHOLAR AWARD

Rachael Barnes, Interior Design, Leavenworth, Kan.

ABBY BRUNETTI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Kimberly Castagno, Fashion Merchandising, Pittsburg, Kan.

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Kimberly Castagno, Fashion Merchandising, Pittsburg, Kan.
Meegan Gatewood, Fashion Merchandising, Frontenac, Kan.

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Meegan Gatewood, Fashion Merchandising, Frontenac, Kan.

You are invited!

PSU FCS Alumni Open House

Wednesday, October 15, 2003 • 5:30-7:30 p.m.

PSU-KC Metro Center in Lenexa

12345 W. 95th, Suite 204

In honor of our 100th anniversary, the PSU Family & Consumer Sciences Department announces an Alumni Open House. This is an opportunity for alumni to gather together, to learn more about the changes in the department, to network with professional peers and to meet with the faculty from the department.

For more information or to RSVP call 620/235-4457.

Renee Steinlage Mueting, '02, teaches family & consumer sciences at DeSoto High School in Kan.

Kimberly Smith, '02, is manager of The Shoe Dept. in Rogers, Ark.

Mirjam Toepfer, '02, is teaching kindergartners with learning disabilities in Finland.

Nichole Valverde, '02, married Cody Smith on May 3, 2003. They reside in Coffeyville, Kan.

Courtney Vilela, '02, is continuing her education as a graduate accounting student at PSU.

Jennifer Cunningham Tarter, '01, married Jason Tarter on January 24, 2003 in Humboldt, Kan.

Lettie Henson Litherland, '00, is a dental assistant at Neosho Dental Care. She became the wife of Wayne Litherland on September 13, 2003 in Seneca, Mo.

Aimee Moore Jackson, '00, is a visual merchandiser with National Bedding Company in Chicago but travels extensively across the country.

Joel Emerson, '99, is a hairstylist who helped open Salon Nine in Pittsburg.

Gina Kimble, '99, is beginning a new job as Director of Residence Life and Campus Activities at the Kansas City Art Institute.

Shelly Frasco Ritonya, '97, formerly store manager for Victoria's Secret is now area manager for AT&T in Omaha, Neb.

Melinda Lake, '96, is a substitute teacher in Murdock, Kan.

Judy Yoakum, '73, is a Master Clinical Social Worker at Gamba Healthcare in Overland Park and Olathe, Kan. She is currently a renal social worker in dialysis.

Jan Trowbridge Furgason, '66, retired after thirty-seven years of teaching family and consumer sciences in Topeka, Kan.

Donna Nunn Matzeder, '59, is a clinical social worker at UVA Medical Center in Lovinston, Vir.

Carolyn Bradshaw Bracken, '58, is an office professional in Paola, Kan.

Laura Page Holland, '45, is a retired cartographer in Kansas City, Mo.

Would you like to see your name here? E-mail information to hviets@pittstate.edu

Local Educator Receives "Educator of the Year" Award from K-ACTE

Cristine Elliott, family and consumer sciences teacher educator at Pittsburg State University, has been named as the 2003 State winner of the Educator of the Year Award from the Kansas Association of Technical Education (K-ACTE).

Elliott earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education from Pittsburg State University (PSU) and a Master of Education from Lesley College in Cambridge, Mass. Among her many duties at PSU, Elliott is involved in the field supervision of family and consumer science student teachers and she sponsors the student section of Kansas Association of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Elliott and her husband, Alan, live in Pittsburg, Kan., and have two grown children, Janell and Brandon.

The purpose of Educator of the Year Award is to recognize career and technical educators, other than full-time classroom/laboratory teachers, who have recently provided or currently are providing significant contributions to professional associations and career and technical education programs for youth and/or adults in their fields, communities or states. Recipients of this award must have made significant contributions towards innovative, unique and novel programs, and/or improvement, promotion, research or development of programs of career and technical education.

The K-ACTE is the voice for the career and technical education in the state of Kansas. Through a wide range of programs and events, K-ACTE serves as a resource to career and technical teachers, counselors, administrators, and teacher educators.



FCS Career Day

The PSU Family & Consumer Sciences Department has announced November 24 as the date for this years Career Day. This is an opportunity for high school juniors and seniors to explore career opportunities and areas of study in the Family & Consumer Sciences related fields. The PSU FCS Department offers areas of study in Early Childhood Development, Fashion Merchandising, Interior Design, Human Ecology, Youth and Adolescent Development, FCS Teacher Education and Individual and Family Management. High school teachers are encouraged to bring students. For more information contact our office at 620-235-4457.

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Fashion Merchandising Association students enjoy refreshments following a recent meeting.