

Bertoncino receives awards

Denise Bertoncino, interior design instructor, has recently been recognized with several awards and nominations. She received Outstanding Faculty Member from Alpha Sigma Alpha during Greek Week, April 16, 2004. She was initiated into Gold Key Circle of Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society in September 2004. Bertoncino was also nominated for 2004 Outstanding Faculty Award through the Student Government Association. She received third place on an acrylic on canvas wall hanging in the Visual Arts category at the Interior Design Educators Council Conference in Pittsburg, Penn. The piece was entitled, "Who I Am," representing the multicultural diversity of families.



Bertoncino

New York study tour: students realize their potential in the Big Apple *by Angie Dowell*

Ten fashion merchandising students, along with their invited guests, embarked on a study tour to New York City from May 24th to May 29th. In addition to the various cultural and site-seeing activities the students enjoyed, three days were consumed with industry tours to a broad range of apparel industry businesses.

The first day of tours consisted of visits to five businesses. The day began at DKNY Watches, where students met with sales executives and toured the accessories showroom. Next, the group went to Zum Zum, a young women's evening dress company. Noted for recreating academy award styles, Zum Zum was an interesting stop along our tour as students were able to view dress samples and visit with the sales manager and design team about product development. The final three stops on our first day of touring were to Glamour Magazine, Hue Hosiery, and Overseas Publishers Representatives.

The second day of tours proved as exciting as the first, with stops at Speedo (where students saw the prototype garments for the latest in swimwear technology), Medusa's Heirlooms (a hair and jewelry accessories company), Patricia Underwood (a millinery company), and Kenneth Cole corporate headquarters. The third and final day of tours included four other dynamic visits. At Lectra Systems, students were given a demonstration of the latest in computer-aided design and merchandising software. Inarguably a favorite among the group, Showroom Seven was the quintessential fashion company – stocked full with the latest designs by up-and-coming trendy designers, and complete with a walkout rooftop on which lots of famous fashion shoots take place. Next, a visit to Fusha, a couture design house, provided a taste of elegance and glamour of high-fashion. Students met with designer Marie-Claudine Jean, who entertains a lofty clientele, designing custom garments for such stars as Patti LaBelle and Foxy Brown. Students were perhaps a bit star-struck, as the designer's walls showcased multi-platinum albums of her spouse, music mogul Wyclef Jean.

In addition to the educational and awe-inspiring tours, students attended the Broadway show Rent, and spent their free time seeing other sites of the city. As one student remarked, the trip was "a life-altering experience". Several students were offered internships, a few plan to continue their studies in fashion design at the Fashion Institute of Technology upon graduating from Pittsburg State, and a couple have dedicated their job hunting pursuits to the NYC area.



Students visited the showroom of Patricia Underwood, a leading millinery designer in New York City.



Students visit with a press associate on the rooftop of the Showroom Seven fashion studio, located in the heart of the garment district in New York City.

Special Recognitions



l to r: Holly Sagehorn, Liz Bailey, and Tanya Crabtree.



Former faculty Irene Medlin and Mary Hankammer are recognized.



Dave White and Kerry Beyeler are awarded for outstanding business support.

The Family & Consumer Sciences Annual Awards Banquet was held in the Overman Student Center on May 6, 2004. Special recognitions for the year went to three recent alumni, Liz Bailey, Tanya Crabtree and Holly Sagehorn. Lois Carlson was recognized as the Outstanding Alumni. Kerry Beyeler from the PSU Facilities Planning and Dave White the architect of the new FCS Building received Outstanding Business Support. Bonnie Tullis was recognized as an Outstanding Teacher Educator. Outstanding Service to the Department went to Ann Fitzgerald, Robin Harris and Laurel Wilson. Outstanding Former Faculty were Mary Nell Bowman, Mary Hankammer and Irene Medlin. Also in attendance was former faculty member and recipient Doris Bradley.



Phi Upsilon Omicron award recipients.



Current students receive awards.



Bonnie Tullis (r), with faculty member Cris Elliott, was awarded Outstanding Teacher Educator.

From the Chairperson

A year of progress

What a year. During the end of the spring semester we celebrated two momentous events. The first was our building dedication which attracted over 200 students, alumni, administrators and staff to an outdoor event. This was followed by tours of the building during the spring semester which has included over 500 individuals. The department and the students are now settled in and we are charting our course for the future. Based on enrollment figures, we continue to grow and programs are larger today than at any point in the past 30 years. In 1998 we had 74 students and we set a target of getting 120 students by 2003. This last year we have seen our highest number of graduates (38) in three decades. Because of the large number of graduates there was concern about a drop in enrollment. However in looking at enrollment figures for this Fall 2004, we currently have 164 students that are declared and enrolled in our programs. FCS at PSU is truly alive and well and having an impact on the world.



The second major event of last spring was our Second Annual Spring Recognition Banquet. This was very well attended and special recognitions were given to graduating seniors, scholarship recipients, and awards from individual student groups and faculty. That was now five months ago. The time passes quickly and students are off to meet new challenges. Over this next year we invite all of our alumni to contact us and let us know what you are doing. Please write us a note or send an e-mail. We appreciate your support and encouragement through the years. If you feel you can help us in some way through scholarships, internships or employment opportunities for our students, please let us know.

–Duane A. Whitbeck, EdD

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Dedication of the new Family & Consumer Sciences Building



The University President, The Dean of Arts & Sciences, the FCS Chair, a FCS faculty member, a FCS student, and three alumni cut the ceremonial ribbon.



Alumnus Ronda Staton, Lois Carslon and former faculty member Doris Bradley unveil the Chandler Hall marker.



A historic display on dedication day that reflects life in the 1950's. This was the time when the department moved into the old Chandler building.



Early Childhood Student Organization on newly installed playground equipment.

Great Britain Study Tour

Open to anyone. Price range is usually between \$2,400 and \$2,700. We are gone between 12-16 days in June 2005. Price includes everything but lunches, some dinners and souvenirs. Please join Angie Dowell (fashion merchandising) and Denise Bertoncino (interior design) for this once in a lifetime experience.

For further information, please contact Angie adowell@pittstate.edu or Denise dbertonc@pittstate.edu.

Graduates learn from first job

by Duane Whitbeck

I recently asked the Spring 2004 graduates to share with me what they had learned about working since they graduated.

1) You actually have to GO..... EVERYDAY!!!

2) The money you are making will NEVER be enough!

3) You HAVE to make friends with at least one person that you work with....it makes all the difference in the world.

4) No matter how much you hate some of the things you have to do....it can be turned around if you just smile--attitude is everything! Meghann Milliken

"Sink or swim" is the best way to describe it here. They give everyone a ton of work with little training or guidance, even if you are new. Those who can handle the pressure rise to the top quickly, the others are not so lucky." Anne Stout

Another former student put it this way: "You really do use the things you learned in class every day while you are at work. Sometimes you just forget that you really did learn it."

A first job after graduation means the culmination of all of the time and energy spent to prepare for their chosen profession. However if the education is the "first step" then the first job is only the second and not the last step. For some it means taking on real responsibility and making sacrifices. It means being looked at as a professional with specialized knowledge for the first time. In one of the FCS courses we talk about professionalism as meaning having a professional knowledge base, using professional skills, and acting with professional behavior. First jobs are when these are really put to the test. Regardless of the area, that first job becomes a learning experience.

Each of the above sentiments by students are good examples of what it means to enter that new world of starting a career. Paraphrasing from our experts: Show up, do your best, network and make friends, draw on what you have learned while you add to it from your new experiences, and seek a mentor that can help you negotiate your way through the changing currents.

It really is about swimming. You put in the effort and determine the course, and you will move in the right direction.

Interior design trip to Chicago

by Denise Bertoncino

Travel and hands on experience are important factors of an interior design student's education. Jana Dunn, part time faculty member, and I traveled with six interior design students to Chicago, June 15-17 to attend NeoCon, World's Trade Fair 2004. Thousands of innovative projects and resources for corporate, hospitality, health care, retail, government, institutional and residential interiors are showcased during NeoCon. It is the most important contract furnishings event of the year, bringing attendees, exhibitors, and showrooms together for three days, all with the same goal in mind – success.

Wednesday, June 16th was Student Day at NeoCon. Student Day brings together the greatest offerings of NeoCon World's Trade Fair just for students of Interior Design and Architecture. The morning was filled with presentations by designers/architects from across the United States. The students listened to "Themes and Concepts in Design," by Suhail, Principal of Suhail Design, "Making an Impact the First 10 Years Out of School," by Lucy Aiken-Johnson, Senior Associate for TVS Interiors, and "Your First Real Job: Are You Ready to be a Design Entrepreneur?" by Adrienne McNicholas, Principal of Klinik Inc. There was a career exchange during the afternoon in which designers/design firms met with students and viewed their portfolios and resumes.

On their down time, students visited Frank Lloyd Wright's Home and Studio and Unity Temple. They toured the Chicago Art Institute to see the decorative arts by famous architects such as Charles Eames, Mies van der Rohe, George Nelson, Charles Rennie Macintosh, and LeCorbusier. It was a tremendous experience for the students to visually see pieces that were discussed within lectures and studios.

Visually experiencing design is so much more beneficial in helping creativity. The knowledge gained by this group of students will be evidenced in their current projects. From the success of this trip, NeoCon may become a permanent trip for the future.



Justin Eastwood, interior design student, outside of Frank Lloyd Wright's home during the Chicago trip.



Christina Williams, Justin Eastwood (interior design students), and Jana Dunn (adjunct faculty) at the Navy Pier during the Chicago student trip to NeoCon, June 2004.



Deborah Noakes, '99, was awarded the Outstanding Educator Award during the Clyde U. Phillips Distinguished Service Award. This award is presented to persons who have shown, within their first seven years of service, the potential to make significant contributions to education. Noakes is a family and consumer sciences teacher at Chanute High School. Pictured 1 to r, Noakes, with other recipients Vicki O'Neal, Brandy Stanley and Buddy Baulle.



Three individuals receive national honors as recipients of scholarships through Phi Upsilon Omicron. FCS students, Kristi Leal and Andrea Scott and FCS faculty member Angela Dowell stand with Dean Lynette Olson, National President of Phi Upsilon Omicron and Duane Whitbeck, FCS Chairperson.

Planned physical activities in children's programs

By Jan Venter-Barkley

Why should all children's programs include activity and movement? Don't they need to be focusing on school readiness instead? According to a document from The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC 2000) physical inactivity has contributed to the 100% increase in the prevalence of childhood obesity in the United States since 1980. Many researchers have confirmed the benefits of regular physical activity. They range from the many health benefits (both physical and mental) to increased learning capacity and the development of improved social skills. The World Health Organization agrees, stating that engaging in play and sports gives young people opportunities for self-expression, self-confidence, relief of tension, achievement, and social interaction (WHO, 2003).

Guidelines for appropriate physical activity have been developed by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education. The guidelines for preschool children include: preschoolers should accumulate at least one hour of daily structured physical activity, preschoolers should engage in unstructured physical activity whenever possible and should not be sedentary for more than one hour at a time, and preschoolers should develop competence for movement skills that are building blocks for more complex movement skills (NASPE, 2001).

In our lab preschool, we have consciously planned for the preschool children to participate in a number of physical activities. We begin the preschool day with an hour of unstructured outdoor play during which the children develop skills in language/communication, social, physical, emotional, and cognitive areas. During this time, the children have opportunities to run, climb, and slide using the playground equipment. They also may choose to ride tricycles, kick the soccer ball, play baseball with a bat and waffle ball, or play "chase" (a favorite activity). During the indoor portion of the day we plan structured movement activities such as marching or moving to movement songs, stretching exercises, or even an indoor obstacle course. We also take walking field trips around the campus.

Parents as well as teachers play a role in encouraging physical activity. According to an ERIC digest titled "Promoting Physical Activity in Children: Parental Influences" parents can influence physical activity behaviors in children with encouragement, involvement, providing access to physical activity and role modeling. If parents and teachers work together, we can positively impact children's well-being both now and in the future.

Summer workshop for Kansas FACS teachers

by Cris Elliott

The rolling hills and golden fields of ripe wheat created the perfect backdrop for Kansas FACS teachers this past June when they met in McPherson Kansas to spend three days networking and sharing new ideas for the classroom. PSU's teacher education instructor, Cris Elliott served as the facilitator and main presenter. She said, "Nowhere will you find a more dedicated and enthusiastic group of professionals than in the FACS classroom's of Kansas schools. The FACS curriculum teaches concepts that our young people desperately need to survive in today's hectic world. The women at this workshop are top notch teachers when it comes to creative teaching and active learning. It's no wonder students love their FACS classes!"

The workshop was filled with new ideas for the classroom such as using graphic organizers, thematic units, classroom calendars, integrating academic into the FACS curriculum and creative fundraising ideas. Charlotte Smith, State FCCLA advisor presented a session on FCCLA in the classroom and Shara McMichael from Consumer Credit Counseling shared ideas on the importance of teaching financial fitness and consumer skills to high school students. Participants had the option of taking the class for professional development or for 2 hours of graduate credit from PSU. The workshop was developed and organized in cooperation with Kansas State Department of Education.

Preschool observation gets upgraded

For years the students in the preschool program have had an opportunity to work with young children in both indoor and outdoor environments. One element that has been missing is the opportunity to observe from an unobtrusive position. Within the new preschool facility we now have an observation booth from which students and teachers can observe the entire room, using digital cameras and microphones. These allow the director or supervising teacher to video tape college students working with the class and then use the tapes for evaluation purposes. They can also be used for teacher training. For example when discussing the play of three year olds we can now record our own tapes of play in all of the areas of the room to use in class. This is part of a plan proposed seven years ago that has become a reality.

FCS Career Day! November 22, 2004

A great opportunity for high school juniors and seniors 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 & adolescent development, FCS teacher education and individual & family management. High school teachers are encouraged to bring students. For more information contact our office at 620-235-4457.

2004-2005 Scholarships

The following students received a total of \$31,347 in various scholarships for the 2004-2005 academic year:

Alumni Student Achievement Awards

Meghan Bretches, Early Childhood Development, Parsons, Kan.
Jennifer DeGroot, FCS Teacher Education, Pittsburg, Kan.
Sara Mitchell, Interior Design, Olathe, Kan.
Andrea Scott, Early Childhood Development, Ft. Scott, Kan.

Early Childhood Student Organization Scholarship

Andrea Scott, Early Childhood Development, Ft. Scott, Kan.

Educational Opportunity Fund Scholarship

Kimberly Dechand, Early Childhood Development,
Meriden, Kan.

LuAnn Hargrove, FCS Teacher Education, Mound City, Kan.
Amanda Isaac, FCS Teacher Education, Ft. Scott, Kan.
Rebecca Moore, Interior Design, Girard, Kan.

E. Louise Gibson Scholarship

Kristi Leal, FCS Teacher Education, Joplin, Mo.
Angela Martin, Interior Design, Frontenac, Kan.

E. Louise Gibson Phi Upsilon Omicron Scholarship

Kim Jordan, FCS Teacher Education, Beloit, Kan.
Andrea Meierhoff, Interior Design, Ulysses, Kan.
Rebecca Reid, Fashion Merchandising, Columbus, Kan.

Sue Hippensteel Memorial Scholarship

LuAnn Hargrove, FCS Teacher Education, Mound City, Kan.

Viola Lacher Roe Holmes Scholarship

Denise Trout, FCS Teacher Education, Olathe, Kan.

Mary Kern Martin Scholarship

Kim Castagno, Fashion Merchandising, Pittsburg, Kan.
Emily Hendrick, Interior Design, Frontenac, Kan.

Gina Sharp Memorial Scholarship

Lindsey Berry, Early Childhood Development, Shawnee, Kan.

Carrie Arlene Williams Memorial Scholarship

Brooke Stephenson, Interior Design, Frontenac, Kan.

Carl W. Small Scholarship

Emily Martin, FCS Teacher Education, Frontenac, Kan.

Kansas City Friends of Family & Consumer Sciences Scholarship

Brooke Stephenson, Interior Design, Frontenac, Kan.

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Kristi Leal, FCS Teacher Education, Joplin, Mo.

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Andrea Scott, Early Childhood Development, Ft. Scott, Kan.

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Kristi Leal, FCS Teacher Education, Joplin, Mo.

Geraldine Clewell Senior Award

Rachael Barnes, Interior Design, Chetopa, Kan.

Anita K. Laurent Scholarship

Brooke Stephenson, Interior Design, Frontenac, Kan.

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LuAnn Hargrove, FCS Teacher Education, Mound City, Kan.



2004-2005 Scholarship Recipients.

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May 2004 graduates

Rachael Barnes Swopes, Interior Design, from Hutchinson, Kan. Rachel married Cody Swopes in the summer of 2004. She is currently a graduate assistant in the Psychology Department while working on a masters in psychology at PSU.

Katy Bean Keefover, Interior Design, from Lenexa, Kan. Katy was married in July and is an interior designer at Calico Corners in Overland Park, Kan.

Jessica Burnett, FCS Teacher Education, from Neodesha, Kan. Jessica is a family and consumer sciences teacher at Altoona Midway High School in Buffalo, Kan.

Alison Davidson, Early Childhood Development, from Shawnee, Kan. Alison is lead teacher for three year olds at Prince of Peace Grade School in Olathe, Kan. In the spring she plans to take classes to finish on elementary education degree and eventually a degree in physical education.

Meegan Gatewood, Fashion Merchandising, from Frontenac, Kan. Meegan is manager of Express in Northwest Arkansas Mall.

Kristen Hemphill, Fashion Merchandising, from Cherokee, Kan. Current information unavailable.

Jessica Keiswetter, Early Childhood Development, from Norton, Kan. Jessica is lead teacher of 2 1/2 - 4-year-olds at Canterbury Preparatory School in Overland Park, Kan.

Kara Kimble, Fashion Merchandising, from Independence, Kan. Kara was recently hired by Watters and Watters, a formal dress company, in Dallas, Tex.

Meghann Milliken, Fashion Merchandising, from Leawood, Kan. Meghann is the sales and marketing coordinator Gerson Company in Olathe, Kan.

Jill Minneman Pjesky, Early Childhood Development, from Tescott, Kan. Jill became the wife of Aaron Pjesky on August 14, 2004. She employed by Pittsburg State University as Ticketing and Box Office Manager.

Stephanie Schlagel, FCS Teacher Education, from Lenexa, Kan. Stephanie is teaching family and consumer sciences at Overland Trail Middle School in Blue Valley School District in Overland Park, Kansas.

Lydia Seifert, Fashion Merchandising, from Mission, Kan. Lydia is manager of an Express Store in Atlanta, Georgia.

Anne Stout, Interior Design, from Chanute, Kan. Anne is a designer at Paul Steelman Design Group, one of the largest casino design firms in Las Vegas, Nev.

Melonie Vail, Individual & Family Management, from Neodesha, Kan. Melonie is completing teacher certification at PSU.

Shalanda Yeager, Early Childhood Development, from Kansas City, Kan. Shalanda is lead teacher for 2 to 3 1/2 year-olds at Johnson County Community College in the Hiersteiner Child Development Center.



Spring and Summer Graduates.

Alumni News

Lacey Harmon Baker, '03, is a family and consumer sciences teacher in the Joplin R-8 School District in Missouri.

Lexy Clower, '03, is a family and consumer sciences teacher in Cherryvale, Kan.

Chelsea DeLaney, '03, is an associate for Payless Shoes in Pittsburg, Kan.

Madeline Gurney, '03, is a family and consumer sciences teacher at Columbus High School, Columbus, Kan.

Kellie Herndon, '03, is an early childhood developmental delay teacher with a co-op in Burden, Kan.

Corrin Wagner, '03, is manager of Curves for Women facility in Prairie Village, Kan.

Emily Perry, '01, is employed with the Home Depo Expo in Kansas City.

Ann Altenhofen Veith, '01, is a nanny in Mission, Kan.

Allison Osburn, '00, is the new Center Director for Headstart in Nevada, Mo. She had a daughter, Lyvia, in June.

Jennifer Huff, '97, has relocated to Eldon, Mo. where her husband is superintendent of schools. Jennifer stays home with their two children.

Charlotte Burkhardt, '72, resides in South Haven, Kan.

Marjorie Booher, '43, is a retired high school teacher residing in Lawrence, Kan.

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Summer 2004 graduates

Ginny Adams, Early Childhood Development, from Tonganoxie, Kan. Ginny became Mrs. Reischman on July 24, 2004.

Melissa Adamson, Interior Design, from Wichita, Kan. Melissa is finishing her second degree in Commercial Graphics at PSU.

Amanda Laufenberg McElroy, Interior Design, from Franklin, Kan. Amanda became the wife of Chris McElroy on May 28, 2004. Amanda is an interior designer and sales consultant with Horton Furniture in Wichita, Kan.

Shanel Maxwell Bullard, Early Childhood

Development, from Oswego, Kan. Shanel is teacher of 2-year-olds at the preschool lab at Missouri Southern State University in Joplin, Mo.

Samantha Purvis, Interior Design, from Mound City, Kan. Samantha was recently transferred with Wal-Mart to Kansas City. She is seeking an interior design position.

Tamara Rogers, Early Childhood Development from Girard, Kan. Tamara is a mental health worker at Heartland Behavioral Health Services in Nevada, Mo. This is a pediatric hospital for children with behavior dysfunctions.

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