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“Better-n-Ever”

A custom in most countries is to greet each other by asking, “How are you?” The customary response is, “Just fine.” But, when someone greets Professor Emeritus Bill Flatt he enthusiastically responds, “Better-n-ever!” That response never fails to promote a flow of energy to the people around him. (Say it out loud and really fast, and you’ll get the feeling: “Better-n-ever!”)

As I prepare to leave the position of Dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, I’ve been reflecting on the status of the College and the progress we’ve made during the one-and-a-half decades



that I’ve served as Dean. When I visit with FACS alumni they often ask, “How is the College?” I could say the College is, “Just fine,” but that would not do justice to the outstanding students enrolled in our 13 undergraduate majors and graduate programs in all departments; or to the outstanding faculty who teach on campus, in study-abroad programs, and in our Extension and public service workshops and training sessions. “Just fine,” would not adequately portray the curiosity and persistence of our researchers, or the relevance of their studies in addressing questions of basic science and the discovery of solutions to the issues of human well-being. The right response is: “The College of Family and Consumer Sciences is better-n-ever!”

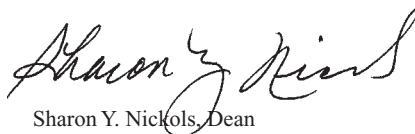
As Dean, I am only one part in the total system that makes our College outstanding. It is an axiom of human ecosystems theory that the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. This is indeed true in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Our College achieved new heights because we built on the

firm foundation that was established by previous administrators, faculty and alumni. Recent achievements are the products of the work of our dedicated faculty and staff, and the leadership of department heads, directors and committees who, on a daily basis, work toward excellence. We never lose sight of the fact that our College has three missions, as stated in the University’s motto: “To teach, to serve and to inquire into the nature of things.” We have been fortunate to have the support of the University administration who responded to our enrollment growth and emerging partnerships with key business and industry sectors in Georgia by allocating new faculty positions to the College. Increased alumni engagement has been important in our rising profile. Within my own personal ecosystem, my husband Sam has been a friend, colleague, and supportive spouse. He too contributes to the College’s development.

As I exit the role of Dean and assume the responsibilities of Professor, I feel great pride in what this system has accomplished. I pledge to continue to support the advancement of the College. The future is incredibly bright for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Additional new faculty will be added in the fall, industry support for emerging career areas is at an all time high, the College is launching a planned-giving initiative, “100 Legacies in the Making,” to assure future private resources, and many other developments are under way.

As alumni, the value of your degree is “better-n-ever.” You have a vested interest to protect the progress that has been made. Your continued engagement in and support of the College is critical to the future.

Our College deals with the fundamental things of life: nurturing individuals throughout their life course, promoting healthy living and management of resources, providing goods and services to consumers, creating healthy and aesthetically pleasing environments, facilitating the achievement of human potential, and building community. We succinctly explain what we are about in our College motto: “Knowledge for Real Life.” It is this philosophy that has guided my administrative career and has been infused in my decisions and actions as the Dean. Sam and I thank you for the privilege of your friendship and support. ■


Sharon Y. Nickols, Dean



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Hines Ward

Winners

Hines Ward (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) and **Monica Pang** (BSFCS '04, Consumer Journalism) were both big winners in recent competitions.

Pang was the first runner-up in this year's Miss America contest. Pang (who was featured in the fall 2005 issue of FACS Magazine) will stay busy with her duties as Miss Georgia until relinquishing her crown in July.

Ward, meanwhile, walked away with the Most Valuable Player trophy following the Pittsburgh Steelers 21-10 win over the Seattle Seahawks in Super Bowl XL.

Ward set up the Steelers' first touchdown with a 37-yard catch and later added a 43-yard touchdown reception.



Monica Pang (R)



Maureen Grasso
Search Committee Head

Dean's Search Under Way

Faculty, staff, students and supporters of FACS have been meeting since December as part of the search for the sixth dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. Current dean, **Sharon Y. Nickols**, will return to her position as a professor of Housing and Consumer Economics effective July 1.

"We have advertised in a wide variety of higher education publications and contacted colleagues throughout the nation for nominations," according to **Maureen Grasso**, dean of the University of Georgia's Graduate School and a member of the Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors faculty. "We've received a number of applications and look forward to carefully and thoughtfully reviewing them prior to beginning the interview process."

Once the search committee has determined the leading candidates, on-campus interviews will be scheduled. These interviews will include meetings with FACS faculty, staff and students, as well as meetings with President Michael Adams, Provost Arnett Mace and other campus administrators.

"In order to protect the confidentiality of those who have applied, we're not discussing any candidates until the public phase of the interview process begins," Grasso said.

The start date for the new dean also hasn't been established.

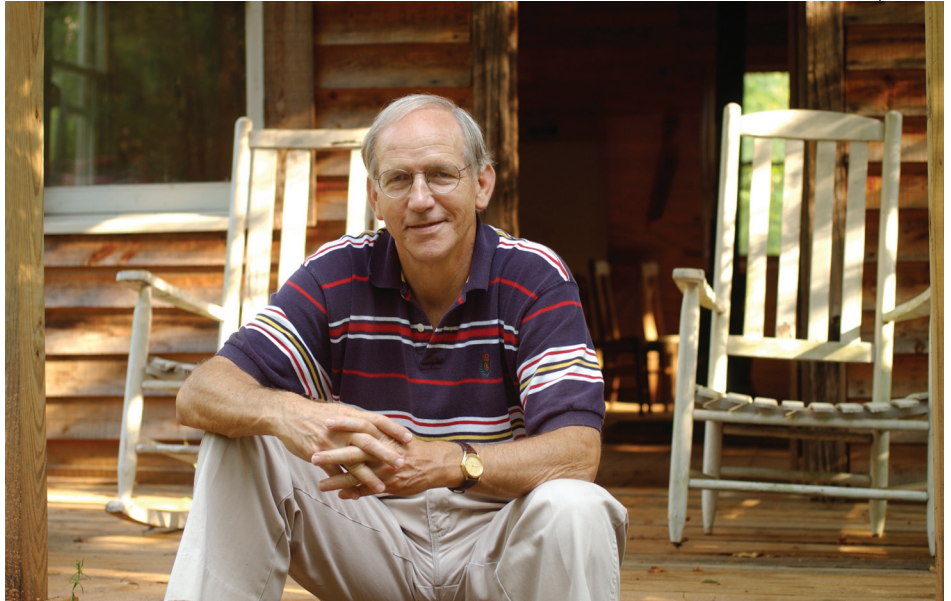
"Although it would be ideal if a new dean could begin working July 1," Grasso said. "It's much more important, however, to ensure that the next dean of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences be able to provide the high quality of leadership that we've become accustomed to during Dean Nickols' tenure."

Tom Rodgers Named UGA Alumni Association Winner

Tom Rodgers (Professor Emeritus, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been named the winner of the 2006 UGA Alumni Association Faculty Service Award.

In a six-page nomination letter, Rodgers' supporters noted his accomplishments that began with his first position as a community and rural development specialist with the Cooperative Extension Service in 1972, led to his service heading the 4-H and Youth Program from 1978-1993, and his many additional accomplishments as head of county operations for the Cooperative Extension Service, associate vice president for public service and outreach and associate dean for outreach and Extension in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

"Through a combination of his vast knowledge of the state, his desire to make the world a better place and sheer persistence," the nomination letter states, "Dr. Rodgers has marshaled significant resources to help Georgia families overcome the obstacles many face in their daily lives."



Tom Rodgers



Josephine Martin

Nutrition Pioneer Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Josephine Martin (BSHE '47) of Decatur has been awarded the 2006 Gene White Lifetime Achievement Award for Child Nutrition by the School Nutrition Association. The presentation was made in Washington, D.C. in late March as a part of the national School Nutrition Association's annual gala.

Martin's contributions began with her employment as the assistant school lunch director at the Georgia Department of Education in 1950. In 1991, she created the national Food Service Management Institute at the University of Mississippi. She now lives in Decatur and continues to work as a consultant on child nutrition.

Throughout her career Martin has remained a fervent advocate for child nutrition, influencing legislation at all levels. In particular, she was instrumental in developing the federal Child Nutrition Act, which was passed in 1970 and provides low-income children lunch and breakfast free or at a reduced-cost as well as meals through summer programs.

Opportunities Knock for Long-Time Friends

By Denise Horton



Mitch Hardeman

In the world of construction knowing people is important. For two housing and consumer economics graduates their long-time friendship has led them into a joint business, out of the business, and into other businesses.

Ricky Lane (BSFCS '92, Consumer Economics and Home Management) and **Mitch Hardeman** (BSFCS '93, Housing) didn't meet in Dawson Hall, their friendship dates back to high school when Lane was a student at Cedar Shoals High School in Athens, and Hardeman attended Madison County High. After graduation both left the Athens area for college elsewhere – Lane spent two years playing football for West Georgia in Carrollton while Hardeman attended both Georgia Southern in Statesboro and Emmanuel College in Franklin Springs.

"I had a friend who had graduated from FACS and said it was a great experience," Hardeman recalled. "I came in and talked to **Dr. (Anne) Sweaney** and **Dr. (Jane) Rodin** (former director of Student Services). They both thought it would be a good fit for me."

Lane's experience was somewhat similar. After two years in Carrollton he decided he wanted his college degree to come from the University of Georgia, his father's alma mater and his hometown university.

"There are just a lot of resources that smaller colleges don't have," he said. "I wanted to come back to UGA."

After checking out various majors on campus, Lane decided the housing and consumer economics programs best fit his goal of joining the family business.

"When my dad was a student here there was no off-campus student housing. There were some run-down trailers and old barracks," he said.

"After he graduated he began building and managing apartments. He still has the initial ones he built – Cedar Village on Cedar Shoals Drive."

Lane and Hardeman re-kindled their acquaintance while earning their degrees, but both went their separate ways after graduation. Lane traveled to Perry and cut his teeth rehabilitating an apartment complex his father's company had recently purchased. Hardeman accepted a position with Jackson EMC, first as a residential marketing representative and later as a commercial marketing representative.

"It was good for me to start out working someplace other than Athens," Lane said. "It was a lot of trial by fire. I was able to talk with my dad for advice, but I

was ultimately responsible for everything that went on and handling the things that went wrong. It was a good experience for me.”

Lane also had an opportunity to get to quickly know people in Perry by offering to help coach the football team at the local private school.

“I would work from 8-3 and then head over to practice,” he recalled. “It was a great way to get to know the people and the town – and to be part of two state championships.”

In 1996, Lane returned to Athens and spent the next year-and-a-half overseeing construction of a 146-unit apartment complex, one of the biggest in the area at that time. He and Hardeman also began discussing going into business together.

“I got the itch” is how Hardeman describes his desire to enter the homebuilding business. “I was married but we didn’t have a lot of bills. I had always thought it was a possibility that I’d try this.”

Although Lane was busy with the family business, he agreed with Hardeman that the time was right to jump into building single-family homes.

“With low interest rates and the housing boom that was happening in Athens, it was a real opportunity,” Lane said. “It was also an opportunity to do something different. My dad’s company hadn’t ever ventured into single-family housing.”

For four years, Lane and Hardeman built between 50 and 60 houses in three different counties and eight different subdivisions – sharing the risks and profits. But at the end of that time, they parted ways.

“As easy as it started, it ended,” Lane recalled. “When we went into business together we were both newlyweds with a lot of energy. But as life progressed we each had a couple of children and I had a lot on my plate.”

Both Lane and Hardeman have continued to build houses, but increasing land and construction costs are combining to make for slimmer profit margins.

“Our industry is at a crossroads,” Lane said. “For those of us who build fewer than 25 houses a year, I don’t know where our business is going.”

Hardeman likewise has seen the increasing risks in focusing solely on residential construction and two years ago decided to begin spreading his risk by starting a new business providing containers for construction debris.

“Builders need containers now more than ever,” he explained. “It used to be that you would burn lumber debris, but Clarke County, for example, has a year-round burning ban.”

Hardeman knew he was paying significant amounts renting the construction containers and decided the market was ripe for him to enter it.

“I have a lot of relationships in the building industry, which I hoped would help me get business. I figured it would be slower progressing than it has been, but it’s shot off like a rocket.”



Ricky Lane

Already Hardeman is supplying containers in Madison, Jackson, Barrow, Walton and Greene counties, in addition to Clarke and Oconee. Among his customers is his former business partner, Lane.

“When I get his checks in the mail, it’s nice,” he said, chuckling.

As they continue to explore their futures, both Lane and Hardeman emphasize the importance of maintaining relationships.

“I’ve been lucky to be a part of a family business that’s been in this area for 37 years,” Lane said. “I’m working with electricians who are second generation and a roofer who is third generation. Those relationships are important both personally and professionally.”

For Hardeman, the relationships he’s built during the past several years as a homebuilder are essential to his success.

“Being in a new business, it’s paid huge dividends,” he said. “There have been many people who have decided to contract with me rather than a national chain because they know that if there’s a problem, they can call me and I’ll take care of it.” ■

A Gale Force

Preparation Critical to Helping Katrina Survivors

By Denise Horton

When Hurricane Katrina hit New Orleans Jerry Gale was ready. No, the associate professor of marriage and family therapy wasn't anywhere near the coast, but he and a team of University of Georgia faculty and representatives of the Athens-Clarke County mental health community had been meeting on a monthly basis for close to five years preparing for a possible widespread crisis.

"After the Sept. 11 bombings I was visiting with the other members of the Clinical Program Directors Group," said Gale, who has headed the MFT doctoral program in the Department of Child and Family Development for the past decade and has been part of the MFT faculty for 16 years. "We realized that if anything like that happened here, we weren't ready."

The faculty members contacted other therapists in the community, as well as representatives of the school district, police department and other organizations and formed the UGA/Athens Crisis Response Team. During their monthly meetings, the group discussed how best to respond to a community crisis, including developing an incident command structure that included a telephone tree and maintaining a 24-hour beeper system.

The benefit of these monthly meetings became evident after the hurricane hit the Gulf Coast and it became clear that massive evacuations were going to occur.

"Between 25 and 30 of us met the Friday after Katrina hit the coast at the Ramsey Student Center, which had been designated as a possible evacuation site," Gale said. "At first, I thought Ramsey would be the logical location because this is where all of our resources are, but when we saw it, we realized it would be very difficult living quarters for those being evacuated."

Instead, the Rock Eagle 4-H Center was designated to handle the 600 evacuees and soon Gale and other members of the team headed to Eatonton. During the course of the next three weeks, more than 95 volunteers, including several child and family development faculty members and graduate students, worked with Gale and the other team members to both counsel evacuees and assess their mental and physical well being.

"These people had lost everything and they had seen horrific things," he said. "It was also a special needs population. There were elderly people as well as families with young children. There were also those with additional mental health needs. Many had medical needs, but didn't have any prescriptions with them. Our goal was to help with assessments and to be a calming presence."

Although Gale spent much of that first weekend on-site, the remainder of the time he spent in Athens, scheduling volunteers and gathering reports.

"Because of security issues, we had to determine who was going to Rock Eagle and when and make sure the on-site security had their names so they would be admitted," he recalled. "But also important was the debriefing I did with the incident commanders each day. I was really taking in everyone's poison, listening to their frustrations and calming them down."

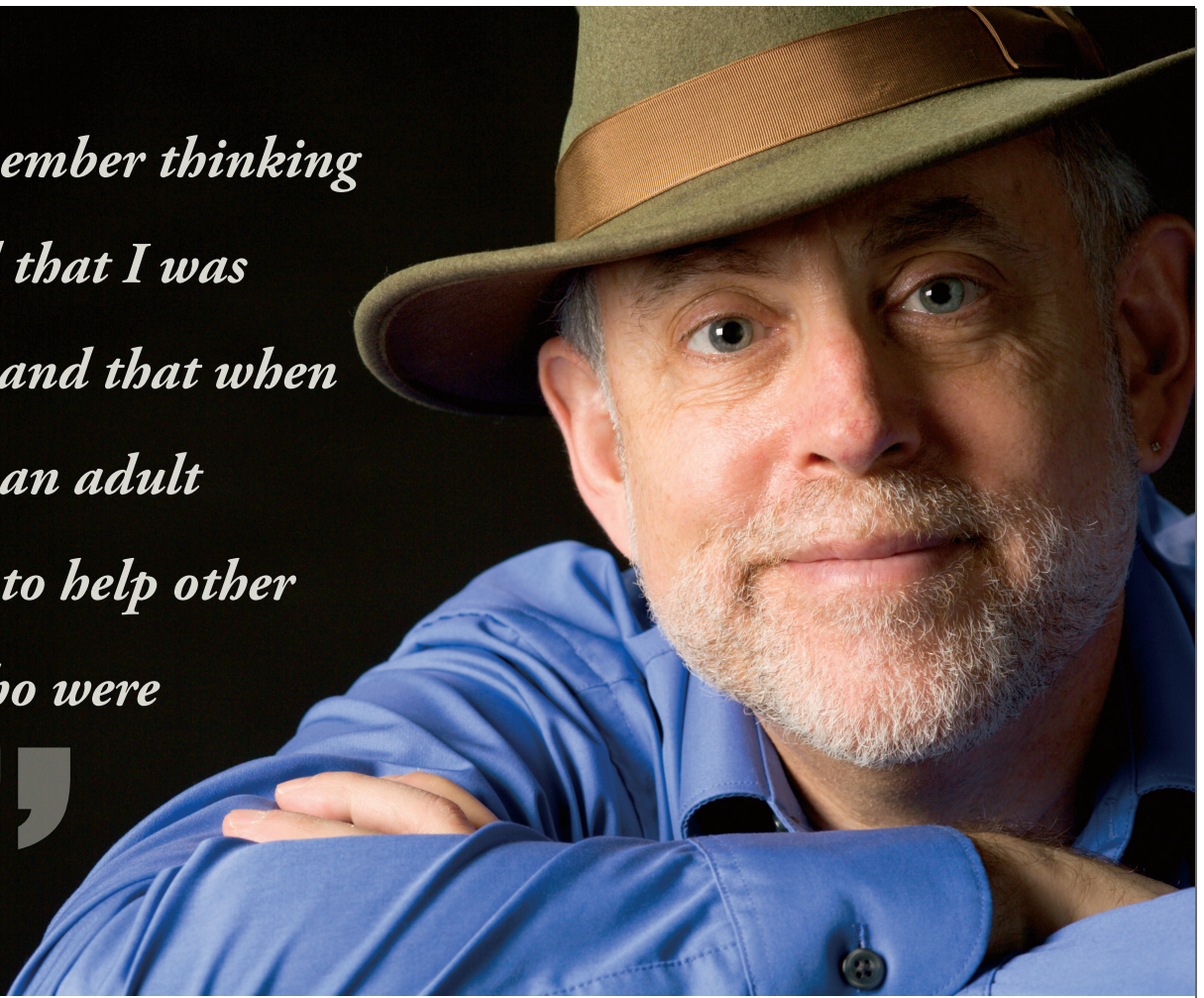
After the evacuees were all relocated Gale and the other members of the response team knew their work wasn't finished.

"A big problem through all of this was caring for ourselves," he said. "About eight of us met with someone from Green Cross for a debriefing a couple of weeks after Rock Eagle was closed, but that was just a beginning."

The Green Cross was founded by Charles Figley, a professor of social work and the director of Florida State University's Traumatology Institute, and has the goal of using research, education and professional development to help those who have been traumatized. It just so happened that Gale had also contracted with the Figleys to keynote the annual Marriage and Family Therapy Institute meeting in January.

"We had contracted with the Figleys to present a day-long seminar on compassion fatigue

“I can remember thinking as a child that I was unhappy and that when I became an adult I wanted to help other people who were unhappy.”



13 months ago, but after what we all went through working with the evacuees at Rock Eagle, I began looking for funding to allow them to do an additional talk for the volunteers,” Gale explained.

With funding from UGA President Michael Adams’ Venture Fund, Gale sponsored a Saturday-morning event for the Rock Eagle volunteers and their families. The event began with a reception to thank the volunteers, which included leaders from the university, local and state government. The Figleys then led an hour-and-a-half meeting focusing on what the volunteers had gone through and providing them tips on how to work through the on-going emotions they experienced.

For Gale, completing the work with Hurricane Katrina evacuees and volunteers marks a beginning of a different sort – using the experience for qualitative research projects.

He already has written a paper focusing on the challenges of creating a community crisis response team and is considering future projects as well.

Gale’s interest in qualitative research dates back to graduate school, but his desire to be a therapist can be traced back to his childhood.

“I had a speech impediment as a child and went through several years of speech therapy,” he said. “In fact, I can remember thinking as a child that I was unhappy and that when I became an

adult I wanted to help other people who were unhappy.”

After earning his bachelor’s degree at the University of Michigan, Gale spent a number of years honing his skills as a family therapist, including earning his master’s degree in counseling and guidance. In 1986 he began his doctoral studies at Texas Tech and chose to analyze a single couple’s counseling session.

“My dissertation research was conversation analysis at the micro level,” he said. “It was looking at what we say and how we say it because it’s through the performance of language that we create meaning. In my dissertation, I focused on the performance of talk in therapy and how it accomplished therapeutic change.”

When Gale arrived at the University of Georgia in 1989 as an assistant professor he was pleasantly surprised to find that there were other qualitative researchers and, in fact, the Qualitative Interest Group was already established. Throughout his academic career Gale has continued to focus on qualitative research, although not always on discourse analysis.

“I don’t always focus on the micro features of talk and turn-taking, but my experience doing discourse analysis impacts me in many ways,” he explained. “My experiences help me appreciate social interactions in subtle ways from a cultural critical perspective.”

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Providing Career Opportunities – Addressing Industry Needs

By Denise Horton

Three new initiatives currently under way in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences will provide career opportunities for students, research opportunities for faculty and address the growing needs of three industries.

In the Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors a new professorship, funded by the Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation, will soon be established focusing on the internationalization of the soft goods industry.

“About three years ago representatives of the Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation began meeting with us about the need to educate students to compete in what is now an international business,” said **Ian Hardin**, professor and former head of TMI. “In the past, they had focused on engineering education, but now nearly all soft goods are being sourced internationally.”

Soft goods include all types of fabric, such as that used in backpacks and linens, as well as apparel and home furnishings.

The faculty member who fills the Soft Goods Manufacturing Professorship will concentrate on teaching and outreach efforts in this rapidly changing field. In addition, a new program of study, “Global Soft Goods Merchandising and Manufacturing” will be available to Fashion Merchandising students beginning fall 2006.

“This emphasis will build on the current fashion merchandising curriculum, but will include additional classes,” Hardin explained. “Three courses that already have been approved will be offered in the coming year. One focuses on the soft goods manufacturing process from raw material to finished product. A second focuses on product development and a third explores the theory and practice of global sourcing, manufacturing and distribution of apparel and textile products.”

In the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics, the need for college graduates who have studied residential property management is being addressed.

Already nearly 600 FACS students have taken the introductory course on residential property management during the past two years and industry partners representing Atlanta-based residential property companies have provided a number of internships for HACE students.

In addition, the Georgia Apartment Industry Education Foundation has committed its efforts to working closely with both the University of Georgia and



Endowment Established: Jeff Whalen (2nd, L), president of the Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation, presents the check endowing a distinguished professorship to (L-R) Patricia Hunt-Hurst, TMI department chair; Dean Sharon Y. Nickols and Ian Hardin, TMI professor.

Georgia Tech to encourage both faculty and students to explore this emerging field.

“GAIEF was the vision of Jerry Blonder who recognized the importance of having college graduates who understand residential property management,” according to **Anne Sweaney**, head of the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics.

The explosion of the residential apartment industry in recent years has highlighted the need for the development of research-based theories and practice, said Sweaney, who added that HACE faculty are beginning to conduct research in this field.

Currently, Georgia is ranked 11th in the nation in the number of apartments and fourth in the nation for new apartment construction. The emphasis in residential property management will provide HACE majors the opportunity to gain the marketing, financial analysis and management skills needed by the industry.

The third initiative under way in FACS will result in an area of emphasis expanding to an actual major.

The Family Financial Planning major results from the growth of opportunities for graduates interested in working with families seeking financial advice and a more secure economic future, according to **Lance Palmer**, an assistant professor in HACE who teaches and conducts research in this area.

“The demographic shift that has occurred as baby boomers age has resulted in more families searching for help in this area,” according to Palmer. “In addition, where retirement plans used to only be deferred benefits – the traditional sort of pension plan – more and more employees are having access to defined contribution plans.”

The rising cost of housing and college tuition, coupled with a plethora of insurance products also combine to make family financial planners more appealing to customers.

In the past, graduates in the area of consumer economics or other majors might receive on-the-job training and encouragement to take the rigorous Certified Financial Planner test, but now more and more financial planning agencies are looking for new graduates who have received coursework in college and are already committed to gaining Certified Financial Planner status.

“We’re very excited about the two emphases and the major that we’re adding to Family and Consumer Sciences,” said **Dean Sharon Y. Nickols**. “We know because of our contacts with the industry that there are careers available to students in these areas. By joining with these industry partners, we’re confident that research, internship and outreach opportunities will be available. The generous support from industry—both advice and financing—assure strong programs in these areas.” ■



RPM Emphasis Begins:(L-R) Jerry Warshaw, president of the Georgia Apartment Industry Education Foundation; Anne Sweaney, HACE department chair; the late Gerry Blonder; and Dean Sharon Y. Nickols celebrate the establishment of a new emphasis in Residential Property Management.

Designing Woman

**By Janet Jones
Kendall**

Early in her career, Pam Goldstein Sanchez's advisers encouraged her to “down-play” the home management side of her degree. Sanchez (BSHE '84, Consumer Economics and Home Management) disagreed.

“Interestingly enough, the home management side of my degree prepared me in large part for residential space planning and design,” said Sanchez, owner of Pam Sanchez Designs and a member of Fusion Design Group LLC in Atlanta. “Understanding how a family uses space and understanding how their daily chores are performed in that space helps me create more efficient home designs that streamline family flow.”

Sanchez, a Certified Master Kitchen and Bath Designer and an allied member in the American Society of Interior Designs, formed her referral-based design firm in 2001. Her focus centers on custom cabinetry and design for both new and renovation projects in the residential market.

“We specialize in providing design and product solutions that are not available otherwise,” Sanchez said. “Our services include taking the time necessary to listen to the client, interior designer, architect and builder, going through the plans or job site and working out design solutions that satisfy the entire design team. We then use restoration-quality products to fulfill the client and design team’s specific needs.”

Sanchez’s designs have received numerous notable awards and recognitions, including three first-prize kitchen awards by ASID during a single awards banquet, several first-place Kitchen Design Awards from the *Atlanta Home and Lifestyles* magazine, and being chosen for the Junior League Home Tour in 2002 with Weidmann and Associates Inc.

Sanchez said she chose to focus on custom cabinetry because she sees it as one of the most important aspects of design-driven projects.

“Custom cabinetry projects include selecting and designing special colors, wood species, cabinetry sizes and shapes, specialty accessories and intricate design and precise fit,” she said. “It allows for appliances to be completely hidden and allows the designer to solve storage problems with custom-made accessories and gives accessibility and usability of each inch.”

With the increasing time and money spent on home interior renovations, Sanchez has seen her field explode in recent years. In 2004, according to the U.S. Census Bureau, Americans spent more than \$10.5 billion remodeling kitchens and \$7.2 million on bathroom renovations. The average was \$26,888 for remodeling a kitchen – much of which went to custom cabinetry.

Sanchez credits her FACS degree with much of her success. In fact, Sanchez said her degree “has helped my career through very diverse coursework that taught me how to gather information, plan and execute. The combination of business, art and sales prepared me to create one-of-a-kind projects that fulfill my client’s dreams



with unique designs and high-tech products. This degree has afforded me the opportunity to focus on homes and lifestyles, which gives me great advantage over business-only or art-only degrees.”

While a student at FACS, Sanchez had two favorite professors whose teachings continue to influence her today.

“My first is Dr. Anne Sweaney, who inspired me to work hard and pay attention to the details,” Sanchez said. “The second is Dr. Joseph Painter who encouraged me to take a break and find humor in the day-to-day pressures.”

Sanchez continues to be active in the college, particularly through “Designing Dawgs,” a continuing education and networking program for FACS alumni and students who are active in the interior design field. Having been involved with Designing Dawgs from the very beginning, Sanchez is one of the “Lead Dawgs” for the program.

“My experience as a Lead Dawg has been rewarding by introducing me to genuinely exceptional professionals and students. Together we work to increase the (college’s) capability to place exceptionally qualified and trained students in rewarding positions with the most prestigious firms.”

Now Sanchez is involved in another major FACS project: Working with faculty member Becky Gill to establish a National Kitchen and Bath (NKBA) certification emphasis for furnishings and interiors majors in the college.

“Becoming an endorsed college is so important because a furnishings and interiors student can reduce the experience time needed to attain their certifications allowing them to earn more, sooner after graduation,” Sanchez said. “This program also ensures that the UGA kitchen and bath specialist student will be more comfortable when they enter the work force. The connection and support that NKBA will offer UGA ensures the student will enjoy a more satisfying and focused career start.”

Sanchez said she’s happy to be able to contribute to a college that has given her so much.

“Giving back is so important. Without the BSHE education and training I received at UGA, I would not be prepared to marry both the artistic and analytical skills that made my success possible,” she said. “I hope that through my involvement, I can give back to the systems that created my opportunities. The career preparation through FACS allows livings to be earned while making our client’s world a better place through more functional, visual and healthy environments.” ■



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Josh Zaffos: Enucleator

Unlike many college students who spend their summers and free time in part-time jobs that range from sales clerk to lifeguard, Nutrition Science junior and pre-med student Josh Zaffos spends his time outside of the classroom removing eyes and performing corneal excisions.

Zaffos' work began during spring break last year when he got an externship with the Georgia Eye Bank in Atlanta. During that program, he learned how donor eyes can be used for corneal transplants and research. He also became qualified under state and federal laws to perform enucleations (eye removals) and corneal excisions.

Zaffos found his work last year so interesting that he is still on-call as an enucleator for the Eye Bank and is, in fact, the youngest enucleator in the state. To fulfill that role, Zaffos must be on call 24 hours a day and has to travel all around the state to morgues, hospitals, funeral homes and – one time – to Georgia Bureau of Investigation headquarters.

Since he started his work in March 2005, Zaffos has performed 56 enucleations. While he typically performed nearly a dozen procedures each month during the summer, he has averaged five each month during this academic year.

“A few of my friends think I'm pretty weird. They call me ‘eye-snatcher’ and stuff like that. But the majority of my friends view what I do as really cool and cast a greater amount of respect over me for it,” Zaffos said. “It really is work that goes for a good cause. And, it allows me to have experiences

now that most of my pre-med classmates won't get to have until they are in their residencies.”

Though he originally intended to use his nutrition science degree to aid him in becoming a cardiologist, Zaffos finds his work with the Eye Bank so interesting that he's now considering a career in ophthalmology.

But collecting corneas isn't the only interest Zaffos has. In fact, a former soccer and basketball player, Zaffos remains active in sports and ran in the 2005 Peachtree Road Race. He is also interested in one day studying abroad and eventually in teaching in either a medical or college setting.

Another interest Zaffos has is in FACS leadership. For the past year, he has served as a college ambassador – a position he views as a way to give back to a college that has given him so much.

“The thing I'm most thankful for is the way people are treated in this college, across the board – from students to staff to faculty. It's all about respecting people. The people here really want to get to know you,” Zaffos said.

While he has several more nutrition science classes to take before he graduates in May 2007, Zaffos' favorite FACS class so far was Rebecca Mullis' Introduction to Nutrition Science.

“Dr. Mullis is a great person and she really cared about the students and the material. I loved it – everything about it,” Zaffos said. “It was so interesting to hear about nutrition and facts about dieting – it was reassuring to me that I am planning on doing the right thing with my life.”

While he looks forward to his remaining coursework that will lead him into the medical profession, Zaffos believes it's more than the classes at FACS that are helping build him professionally and personally along the way – it's the people, too.

“This college has taught me that it doesn't matter what you do in life, it's about taking it to the next level and making a difference,” Zaffos said. “That mentality is prevalent in this college. I've learned so much and I can take it with me wherever I go and really help my community as a result.” ■



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Courtney Kupets

SEC Freshman of the Year

At the young age of 19, gymnast Courtney Kupets has stood where few UGA freshmen have stood before – on an Olympics medal stand.

In 2004, Kupets joined the USA Olympic gymnastics team in Athens, Greece, where she competed in team competition on two events – bars and floor – and individual competition in the all-around, uneven bars and balance beam. In addition to winning a silver medal for the team competition, Kupets also brought home a bronze medal for the uneven bars.

“Going to the Olympics was an experience that I will never forget,” Kupets said. “Being involved in a competition where top athletes all over the world can come and compete, and all be located in the Olympic Village together was amazing. I will always give thanks to God for his strength to get me there.”

Kupets has continued her gymnastics success since arriving at UGA and has racked up more titles, including being named SEC Freshman of the Year.

Participating in Olympic competitions helped prepare Kupets for competing at the collegiate level. At the collegiate level, because of NCAA rules, Kupets and other gymnasts can train no more than 20 hours a week – 16 fewer hours than she devoted to club gymnastics training. That change has been a positive one for Kupets, who said it allows her more time to keep her body healthy.

“It has been quite a change in the transition from elite/club gymnastics to college gymnastics, but I have loved every minute of it,” Kupets said. “One of the major differences coming to college gymnastics is the huge amount of support you get from your teammates and coaches. Gymnastics is no longer an individual sport for me – it’s all about the team. At meets there is so much energy between the team that only makes the competitions more exciting.”

A freshman from Gaithersburg, Md., Kupets has had the advantage of having older sister, Ashley, who is also an all-American gymnast at UGA, to encourage her in collegiate-level gymnastics practice and competition.

“I truly love competing and being on the same team as my sister. In the gym we are just like any other two teammates but with something a little extra special. Since we have trained in gymnastics together for many years before she came to college we learned over time how the other worked out and learned when the other needed a little extra help or encouragement,” Kupets said. “But the interesting part about it is that you probably wouldn’t be able to tell the small gestures we make to each other or just a certain eye contact that we have developed to help each other out. They are just noticeable to us and make a big difference.”

Kupets has also had the support of her parents, who moved to Athens shortly before she started school at UGA. The move, Kupets said, wasn’t just based on her parents wanting to be closer to their Gymdog daughters, but also on enrolling their son, Chris, in a high school that would strengthen his future in basketball.

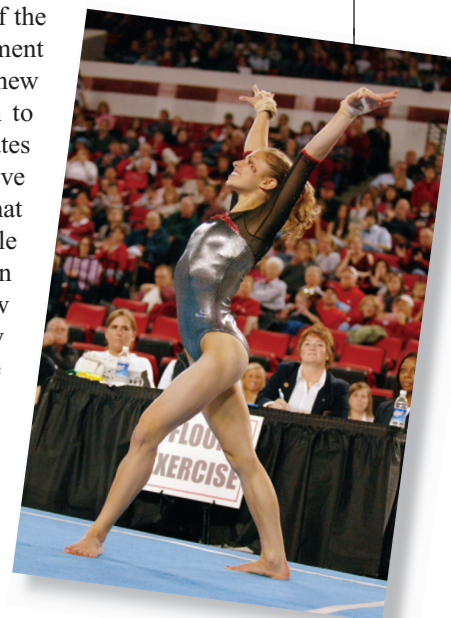
“Collectively as a family, we made the decision to move and that decision was definitely led by God. We had faith at that point in our lives it was the right decision,” Kupets said. “It just goes to show what my parents will do for our athletic dreams. They have always been there and are nothing but supportive of our hopes, dreams and futures, and they have moved at least once for each of us kids – and there are four of us!”

While at UGA, Kupets plans to major in furnishings and interiors – an area that has interested her since she was a young child redecorating her bedroom. Her goal is to be an interior designer and own her own company.

“I would love to figure out what other people would like to see in their homes and their rooms and help them to bring more originality and flavor to what they envision,” Kupets said.

It’s that innate creative energy and yearning for new experiences that helps motivate Kupets to follow her dreams and her love of gymnastics.

“I became a gymnast to be like my older sister, Ashley. But I stayed in gymnastics because of the outlet it gave me and the excitement I got from accomplishing a new skill,” she said. “I have gotten to travel all over the United States and to other countries and I’ve experienced so many things that wouldn’t have been possible without my involvement in gymnastics. One thing I know for sure is that my life definitely would not have been the same without it!” ■



2006 FACS Alumni Award Winners

Close to 150 Family and Consumer Sciences alumni, friends and family members attended the 29th annual FACS alumni awards luncheon on Feb. 25.

The event included excerpts of “Lil Red Ridin’ Thru Da Hood,” a play designed by Foods and Nutrition doctoral student **Caree Jackson** to teach youngsters important lessons about nutrition and exercise. “Lil Red” is performed by members of the UGA Black Theatrical Ensemble.

Five alumni and a long-time supporter were presented awards by the FACS Alumni Society for their contributions to family and consumer sciences in many different ways.

Estoria (Esther) McAfee Maddux (BSHE ’72) received the Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes a graduate who has made life-long contributions that sustain the beliefs and values of FACS.

In addition to being a graduate of FACS, Maddux also was a long-time employee of the college, attaining the rank of professor in the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics as well as the Certified Financial Planner designation. While at UGA, Maddux developed a financial planning curriculum to help Georgians learn to build and maintain financial self-sufficiency. She also taught an honors seminar: “How to Be a Millionaire; Start Planning Today for Your Financial Tomorrow,” presented more than 750 seminars and assisted county Extension agents throughout Georgia in designing financial management education programs.

After retiring in April 2000, Maddux began a new career as a financial advisor, but in 2003 chose to return to teaching and is currently a professor and Extension specialist at Kansas State University.



Claire Hayes Maddox (BSHE ’74, Early Childhood Education) of Gainesville was awarded the Outstanding Service Award, which recognizes graduates for their continued involvement in their community, faith community, helping organization, the college or the alumni association.

Maddox is a professional volunteer who has developed numerous programs targeting those in need, including establishing and directing the Cross Training Sports Camp, which organizes volunteer teams to travel to locations in both



the U.S. and internationally to provide free, week-long camps focused on giving children and youth of the world a vision for a better life.

In addition, Maddox has performed substantial mission work in Africa, including leading fund-raising events for the education of African children and adults and the building of an elementary school in Arusha, Tanzania. She also coordinated a two-week mission trip for U.S. seminary students that included living among the Maasai tribe. Closer to home, Maddox is an Honorary Life Member of FCCLA of Georgia, served as Arts in the School chairman for Hall County, and developed school health clinics in Hall County elementary schools on behalf of the American Red Cross.

Vera Wingfield Stewart (BSHE ’74, Home Economics Education) was presented the Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award, which recognizes graduates who have attained substantial achievements and are at the midpoint of their career. Stewart is the president and CEO of Very Vera, a privately held company based in Augusta with divisions in catering, gourmet-to-go, mail-order confections and Vera’s Cafe. Very Vera has been featured in *Southern Living*, *Gourmet*, *Traditional Home*, *The New York Times*, *In Style*, *Southern Lady* and *American Home Styles and Gardening*. Her layer cakes have been promoted on “The Today Show” and “Food Finds” on the Food Network. Although Very Vera products are homemade, nothing else about the company is old-fashioned. Recognizing the marketing possibilities inherent in the internet, Vera created and launched her first website in 1996, at a time when e-commerce was largely in its infancy.



Robert N. Howell, executive director of the Georgia Egg Commission for nearly 31 years, was presented the FACS Appreciation Award, which goes to an individual who has contributed significantly to the support of Family and Consumer Sciences financially, programmatically or legislatively.

Under Howell’s leadership the Georgia Egg Commission established the first scholarship in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. The Grace Hartley Scholarship was named in honor of the long-time *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* food editor and





2007 FACS Alumni Association Awards Nomination Form

for many years Robert and Grace attended the College's Honors Day programs and recognized young professionals emerging in the consumer journalism field.

Bridgette Palmer Matthews

(BSFCS '98, Dietetics) was awarded the Pacesetter Award, which is given to an individual who has graduated from the College within the past 10 years and who actively promotes the beliefs and values of Family and Consumer Sciences.



As director of school nutrition for the Elbert County School District, Matthews has instituted a number of changes to make school meals both healthier and more appealing. To counteract a decrease in breakfast participation, she implemented "Breakfast in the Classroom," which allows students to pick up their tray as early as 7:30 a.m. in their classroom, thus providing teachers an additional 30 minutes of instruction time each day. She planned and executed a rapid transformation of the high school cafeteria, replacing gray walls and long rows of tables and chairs into a brightly colored, food-court with round tables.

Karen Kitterman Leonas

(Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) was awarded the Creswell Award, which recognizes a current or retired faculty or staff member who has provided leadership in motivating and guiding students.



Leonas joined FACS in 1990 and currently serves as graduate coordinator for TMI. Since 1998, she has mentored 14 undergraduate students through a variety of research projects, including two who received Undergraduate Research Grants from the College. Leonas also has directed study programs in London, England; Oaxaca, Mexico; and New York City, as well as the Southeastern Study Tour of the carpet, textile and apparel industries. She has been the recipient of numerous Outstanding Teacher of the Year and Advisor of the Year awards. Most recently, she was inducted as a member of the University of Georgia Teaching Academy.

ALUMNI AWARDS:

Distinguished Alumni Award

Presented to a FACS graduate who has made life-long contributions that sustain the beliefs and values of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Name _____

Graduation Year _____

Outstanding Service Award

Presented to a graduate for continued involvement in his/her community, faith community, helping organizations, the College or the Alumni Association.

Name _____

Graduation Year _____

Pacesetter Award

Given to an individual who graduated from the College within the past 10 years and actively promotes the beliefs and values of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Name _____

Graduation Year _____

Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award

Presented to a graduate who has attained substantial achievements and is in the midpoint of her/his career.

Name _____

Graduation Year _____

FRIENDS AWARDS:

Creswell Award*

Named for the first dean of the College, recognizes a current or retired faculty or staff member who has provided leadership in motivating and guiding students.

Name _____

*Please attach a letter of support for your nomination.

FACS Appreciation Award*

Given to an individual, other than a College alumni or faculty, who has contributed to the support of FACS either financially, programmatically, or legislatively.

Name _____

*Please attach a letter of support for your nomination.

Nominations are due **October 1, 2006**. Submit nominations to FACS Alumni Awards Committee, 224 Dawson Hall, UGA, Athens, GA 30602 or via our online form located at www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni



*By Suzanne Griffith
Director of Alumni Relations
and Student Leadership*

If you have news and information for FACS Facts send it to Suzanne Griffith, Director of Alumni Relations and Student Leadership, at suzanne@fcs.uga.edu or call her at 706-542-4881.

It's now easier than ever to stay connected with FACS! Check out the new alumni website at www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni and click on "Update your Information" to submit address changes and class notes online!

1960s

Joy Thomas Elder (BSHE '68, Home Economics Education; MEd '77, Home Economics Education) is the financial manager of family-owned commercial property in Watkinsville and a community volunteer. She serves on the Athens Regional Medical Center Foundation's Annual Gifts Committee and was named the 2005 J.W. Fanning Humanitarian of the Year.

Patricia Marie Fandt (BSHE '68, Home Economics and Journalism) is professor emerita at the University of Washington's Milgard School of Business in Tacoma where she served as dean for 11 years. Among her accomplishments as dean was establishing a \$20 million endowment for the business school. She now works as a consultant and trainer.

1970s

Susanne Yarbrough Draeger (BSHE '72, Home Economics and Art) is a retired interior designer living in Arlington, Va. For much of her career she was president and interior designer for Nova International in Washington, D.C., which provided international customers interior design services ranging from the conceptual design to final installation of furniture. She is currently writing her memoirs, focusing on her travels to 15 former Soviet bloc countries.

Patricia Koester-Smith (BSHE '78, Home Economics Education) is senior training manager for the home appliances and consumer electronics group for Sharp Electronics Corporation.

Ann Calhoun Massey (BSHE '72, General Home Economics) is a Realtor representative with Atlanta Gas Light Resources.

Nancy Ables Summers (BSHE '79, Home Economics and Interior Design) has recently moved from Texas to North Carolina. Her son, Ryan, is a junior at UGA while a second son, Mark, is a freshman at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill.

1980s

James "Josh" Fox Borden, Jr. (BSHE '83, Housing; MS '85, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics) has served as a contracting officer with the Georgia Department of Human Resources for the past 16 years. He also is owner of Borden Design Group, an Atlanta based wedding planner.

Amy Taylor Cunningham (BSHE '89, Consumer Economics and Home Management) of Alpharetta is a territory manager for Miele, Inc.

Quentin Tally Lawson Jr. (BSHE '88, Dietetics and Institution Management) is a dietitian consultant in Griffin.

Robert Franklin MacKinnon (PhD '84, Child and Family Development) is an analyst for the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System in Charlotte, N.C.

Pam Goldstein Sanchez (BSHE '84, Consumer Economics and Home Management) has been awarded the highest certification in her industry, Certified Master Kitchen and Bath Designer by the National Kitchen and Bath Association. She also is an allied member of the American Society of Interior Design.

Brenda Nash Sanders (BSHE '83, Home Economics Education) is a special education teacher for the Cobb County School District.

Greg Frank Sanders (PhD '83, Child and Family Development) is a professor and associate dean in the College of

Human Development and Education at North Dakota State University.

Tammy Jackson Tyre (BSHE '86, Home Economics Education) is a pre-kindergarten teacher for the Glynn County Board of Education in family and children education services.

Rosemary Casey Wander (PhD '84, Foods and Nutrition) is associate provost for research and public/private sector partnerships at the University of North Carolina- Greensboro.

1990s

Ashley Anne Atwood (BSFCS '94, Child and Family Development) married William Taylor Bickerstaff on May 14, 2005. She is director of the Learning Circle Montessori Elementary School in Bozeman, Mont.

Ronald Scott Batson (BSFCS '94, Home Economics Education) teaches an exploratory course on family and consumer sciences at Cedar Grove Middle School in Decatur.

Kenyatta Bailey Clarke (BSFCS '96, Child and Family Development) is a kindergarten teacher in DeKalb County. Her husband, **Lee A. Clarke** (BSFCS '96, Consumer Economics) has worked with BellSouth in Norcross as a testing technician since 1997.

Kijuana Phoshunda Freeman (BSFCS '96, Child and Family Development) married Dwayne Hendrick Crawford on April 2, 2005. The couple lives in Bethlehem.

Marcus Antonio Hunter (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) is a financial adviser for H&R Block in Duluth.

Wendy Fowler Jones (BSFCS '96, Consumer Journalism) is a public relations coordinator with the University of Georgia Public Affairs Office. She earned her master's degree in higher education administration from the University of Alabama in 1999. She and her husband David live in Athens with their daughter, Madelyn, who is 21 months old.

Wendy Wolfenbarger Kraby (BSFCS '96, Consumer Journalism) graduated



Over 30 graduates from the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics joined Dean Nickols and Dr. Anne Sweaney, Department Head at an alumni social hour at The Taco Stand in Buckhead. (L-R) **Jill Sirmans Bateman** (BSFCS '93, Home Economics and Journalism), **Dean Sharon Y. Nickols**, **Jonathan Dixon Wilson** (BSFCS '96, Consumer Economics), **Gene Toodle** (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics), **Dr. Anne Sweaney**, and **Scott McDuffie** (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics)

from Georgia State University's College of Law in June 2005.

Susan Peoples Singletary (BSHE '90, Home Economics and Journalism) is president of Peoples, a fashion boutique she began in 1994 in Buckhead. Singletary was recently featured in *Atlanta Woman*.

Courtney Marit Snyder (BSFCS '96, Consumer Economics) was a cast member of the spring 2006 season of the "Survivor" television series.

Mittie Dianne Johnson Tate (BSFCS '96, Consumer Economics) is an assistant manager for UGA food services.

Michael Peter Vallone (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) works with WATC television station in Atlanta as an assistant producer for Atlanta Live.

Matthew Bruce White (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) is a mortgage lender for Guaranty Mortgage Services. He and his wife Christina live in Gainesville.

2000s

Kathleen Elisabeth Altman (BSFCS '03, Child and Family Development) is a pre-kindergarten teacher at Carrington Academy in Gainesville.

Blair "Kristen" Bradberry (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) is a master's student in education policy and management at Harvard University. She is scheduled to earn her degree in May.

Seth Daniel Caldwell (BSFCS '05, Housing) is a leasing consultant for Julian LeCraw and Company in Atlanta.

Huantian Cao (PhD '00, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) is an assistant professor in the department of design, housing and merchandising at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater. Two student teams under his direction recently received grants of \$10,000 each from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's "People, Prosperity and the Planet" competition.

EXPLORE – Enrichment Programs for Women

Brandon Thomas Carley (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) is a sales representative for the on-premise division of United Distributors in Smyrna.

Lauren Rankin Chandler (BSFCS '04, Fashion Merchandising) is a sales executive in Atlanta for Okabashi Brands, a therapeutic footwear company.

Meredith Meyer Clinton (BSFCS '02, Fashion Merchandising) is an advertising and marketing assistant for Gucci in New York.

Melody Brooke Collins (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising) married Robert Adam Willis on July 9, 2005. She is pursuing a master of education degree in counseling at Augusta State University.

Justin Tyler Combs (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is an assistant property manager for the Hampton Hill apartment community in Dunwoody.

Scott Bradley Costner (BSFCS '03, Consumer Economics) is an associate sales consultant in Atlanta with Synthes CranioMaxillofacial, a facial trauma supplies company.

Jeanna Ellis (MS '04, Foods and Nutrition) was the cover story of the fall issue of *Georgia Pharmacist Quarterly*. In the article, she explained how her master's research focusing on nutrition education programs for older adults helped her determine that a career in pharmacy would be a good fit. She plans to become a nutrition-support pharmacist in a hospital, working with doctors and dietitians in developing nutrition programs for patients.

Margaret Anna Forsberg (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising) married Scott David Guetter on Aug. 27, 2005. The couple lives in Colbert.

Rachel Moore Hagues (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) is pursuing a master of social work degree at UGA.

Lauren McClendon Hanes (BSFCS '03, Consumer Economics) is an underwriter for AIG Aviation in Atlanta.



Patricia McLean (BSHE '83, Furnishings and Interiors) describes one of her projected featured in the newly released, "Decorator Show Houses." More than 100 UGA alumni enjoyed hors d'oeuvres and McLean's presentation about interior design. The program was one in a series presented by the UGA Alumni Association, designed to engage UGA alumnae and friends in a broad range of educational, political, and whimsical events. Suzanne and Sarah Richard, UGA Alumni Association representative.

Matthew Michael Higgins (BSFCS '03, Consumer Economics) is a business strategies analyst with Lanier Worldwide in Atlanta.

Cassie Aaron Hobby (BSFCS '05, Fashion Merchandising) is an assistant negotiator with PHDUS, a media buyer for television commercial air time in Atlanta.

Marietta Gelola Jelks (MS '05, Housing and Consumer Economics) is an associate account manager for Empower Media Marketing in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Julie Margaret Johnson (BSFCS '05, Furnishings and Interiors) is an assistant project manager with Centex Construction in Atlanta.

Lane Kemmerick Jordan (BSFCS '01, Consumer Journalism) is a human resources payroll specialist for DHL Smart and Global Mail in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.

Mary Jane Kendall (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is a sales counselor for KB Homes in Dallas.

Emily Sara Lavinsky (BSFCS '04, Fashion Merchandising) is a product manager for IZOD children's clothes in New York.

Kristin Julie Lipton (BSFCS '00, Furnishings and Interiors) is an interior designer for Kristin Hoots Interiors in Fort Valley.

Allison Lane Little (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) is an on-site sales agent for Northstar Residential Properties in Reflections, a small community near Buford.

Jared Robert Marsden (BSFCS '04, Housing) has opened an Athens-based franchise of the BrickKicker, a national home inspection company headquartered in Naperville, Ill.

Alaina Clark McCullough (BSFCS '01, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) and her husband Sean are the parents of a son, William Clark McCullough. They live in Quincy, Mass.

Kelly Nicole McEntire (BSFCS '04,

Consumer Economics) is an agent for Georgia Farm Bureau Insurance Services and Southern Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company in Marietta.

Lauren Theresa McGee (BSFCS '05, Consumer Journalism) is an assistant buyer for womens athletics and canvas footwear at Payless Shoe Source in Lawrence, Kan.

Trinity Shane Mealor (BSFCS '04, Housing) is in transportation sales with C.H. Robinson Worldwide in Atlanta.

Jenna Elizabeth Milburn (BSFCS '01, Child and Family Development) married Charles Douglas Teachey on March 5, 2005. She teaches at the Heiskell School in Atlanta.

Terilyn Dru Morrell (BSFCS '05, Dietetics) is a nutritionist for Primary Health Care in Albany.

Carolyn Ann Morse (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is an employee recruiter in Atlanta for the Lane Company, a property management and real estate company.

Garrett Wilson Murphy (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) is a financial planning consultant associate with Smith Barney, Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., in Savannah.

Stephanie Lynn Nelson (BSFCS '04, Furnishings and Interiors) is working for DMD Design Group, a model home builder in Suwanee.

Justin Everett Niefer (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is part-owner of All Sports Armour, a patented material for children's T-shirts and vests designed to help prevent impact sports injuries, which can result in arrhythmia. He is also director of baseball operations for All Sports Training, both operations are located in Watkinsville.

Mary Ellen Nessmith (BSFCS '00, Housing) is an elder care specialist for Brown Richards and Associates in Atlanta.

Philip Henry Nix (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is a regional sales manager for the Andersen Company, a manufacturer of carpet and logo mats in Dalton.

100 FACS Legacies in the Making

FACS is pleased to announce "100 FACS Legacies in the Making" – a planned giving campaign through which we will identify 100 legacies among our alumni and friends. These legacies will plan for a gift to FACS through their estates. That's why we are asking you to assess your personal values by considering what's important to you. We're hoping when you think of those values, you think of FACS and the opportunities provided to you by your alma mater. Your efforts in this campaign will ensure the FACS legacy of excellence well into the future.



Won't you join those below who have already become part of our 100 Legacies Campaign

Jean and Ray Bauerband

Carolyn and Reese Berdanier

Lynnette Berdanier

Harriette and Robin Bohannon

Katrina Bowers

Fan Brooke

Zena Costa Brown

LaVonne Childers

Harrileen Conner

Marion Elkin

Bill and June Flatt

Gene Franklin

Wanda Grogan

Albert Jones

Zelda and Morris Jones III

Esther Maddux

Sharon Y. Nickols

Claudia and John Noell Jr.

Winky and Max Parker

Betty Ragland

Julie and David Reynolds

Sharon Nickols-Richardson

and David Richardson

Ava Rodgers

Pam and Reese Thompson

Geraldine Williams

For more information about the 100 Legacies campaign, contact Katrina Bowers, FACS Director of Development, at 706.542.4946, or kbowers@fcs.uga.edu.

Relax with FACS Retreat 2006



(Front Row, L-R) **Gloria Conner Berry** (BSHE '74, Home Economics), **Lisa Gipson** (BSFCS '95, Consumer Journalism, MEd '01, Adult Education), **Kathy Stephens Palmer** (BSHE '76, Child and Family Development, JD '79, Law), **Sue Stephens** (BSHE '72, Dietetics and Institutional Management), **Katy O'Neal Arrowood** (BSFCS '94, Child and Family Development), **Tammy Tate Gilland** (BSHE '88, Home Economics and Journalism), **Lynda Cowart Talmadge** (BSHE '61, Home Economics), **Kishia Shooks** (BSFCS '00, Fashion Merchandising), **Carol Bugg** (BSFCS '91, Consumer Economics) (Second Row L-R) **Jill Sirmans Bateman** (BSFCS '93, Home Economics and Journalism), **Suzanne Griffeth** (BSFCS '99, Consumer Economics), **Bonnie Stephens Petersen** (BSHE '72,

Consumer Economics and Home Management), **Michele Jones Ellington** (BSHE '89, Home Economics and Journalism), **Dean Sharon Y. Nickols**, **Harrileen Jones Conner** (BSHE '83, MEd '91, Home Economics Education) and **Judy Herrin** (BSHE '72, Clothing and Textiles) stand in front of the fireplace at Brasstown Valley Resort. In addition to fellowship, food, and shopping, the 20 participants enjoyed discussions about "The Cure for the Frazzled Female" and "Redesigning Your Wardrobe" and a Pilates class. (Not Pictured) **Katrina Little Bowers** (BSHE '84, Consumer Economics and Home Management), **Diane Clark**, **Betty Swindle** (BSHE '43, Home Economics), and **Jeanne Swindle**.

Save the Date:

June 9, 2006
Washington, D.C. study
tour reunion
Athens, Georgia

June 12-13, 2006
Total Knowledge: FACS
Summer College
Athens, Georgia

September 16, 2006
South Campus Tailgate
UGA's Legion Field

For the latest information on
all alumni events,
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[www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni/
calendar](http://www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni/calendar)

Jeffrey David Ogletree (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics) is director of patient business services at Athens Regional Medical Center.

Eugene Anthony Rice, Jr. (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) works with Southeast Property Advisors, a commercial real estate brokerage in Atlanta.

Brent Sapp (BSFCS '00, Dietetics) is enrolled in the physician assistant program at Emory University Medical College in Atlanta.

Stephanie Louise Satterwhite (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) works in operations at the First Madison Bank and Trust in Athens.

Hongqing Shen (PhD '05, Textile Sciences) earned his doctorate degree in August 2005. His dissertation is titled, "Repellent Finish and Layering Order Studies of Surgical Face Masks." His major professor was Karen Leonas.

Kishia Michelle Shooks (BSFCS '00, Fashion Merchandising) is an associate manager of The Gap store at Lenox Square mall in Atlanta.

Ashley Gail Sigmund (BSFCS '05, Dietetics) married Daniel Jeremy Drummond on June 18, 2005. She has accepted an internship in dietetics at Loyola University in Chicago.

Phillip Michael Taylor (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is a sales associate for Ferguson Enterprises in Atlanta.

D. Michelle Thomas (BSFCS '01, Consumer Economics) is a sales representative for the North Florida District of United Parcel Service. She was recently appointed to serve on the Coastal Workforce Investment Board in Savannah.

Micah Barry Thompson (BSFCS '04, Housing) is the co-owner of two Cold Stone Creamery stores in Atlanta.

Emily Jayne Tomayko (BSFCS '05, Dietetics) is a predoctoral fellow at the University of Illinois.

Julia Scott Yawn (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) is a teacher for the Lowndes County School District. ■

IN MEMORIAM

Alumni

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Margaret C. Abercrombie
(BSHE '31)
January 29, 2006

Betty Judkins Blount
(BSHE '37)
August 27, 2005

Martha Nunnally Brandon
(BSHE '37)
December 2, 2005

Virginia C. Brown
(BSHE '48)
November 15, 2005

Mary Harris Collier
(BSHE '41)
September 14, 2005

Inez Martin Crisp
(BSHE '37)
September 26, 2005

Emogene Barnes Daniel
(BSHE '44)
September 20, 2005

Grace Harrison Daniel
(BSHE '38)
September 8, 2005

Mayree Wheeler Fourman
(M '53)
January 28, 2006

B. I. Grimes
(BSHE '56)
October 29, 2005

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Bron Barnett Ingoldsby
(PhD '79)
October 18, 2005

Elizabeth Oliver Jeffords
(BSHE '77)
December 15, 2005

Carole Jones Johnson
(BSHE '45)
August 25, 2005

Merrick Wood Maynard
(MS '82)
September 6, 2005

LaVerne Bedgood Mercer
(BSHE '43)
February 14, 2006

Annie Laurie Bell "Lollie" Morgan
(BSHE '40)
August 24, 2005

Theresa Pinder Newman
(BSHE '66)
November 2004

May Dearing Nicholson
(BSHE '57)
October 18, 2005

Harriett Burke Owen
(BSHE '41)
September 20, 2005

Rena Edge Rhodes
(BSHE '34)
September 16, 2005

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Sue Thompson Smith
(BSHE '44)
February 19, 2006

Ann Acker Titshaw
(BSHE '51)
February 18, 2006

Helen Pert Wade
(BSHE '40)
December 10, 2005

Hazel Coleman Waters
(BSHE '36)
October 4, 2005

Evelyn Bray Whiten
(BSHE '38)
October 13, 2005

Claudia Chapman Worley
(BSHE '68)
January 13, 2006

Friends

Gerald Alvin Blonder
February 15, 2006

Glenn Burton
November 22, 2005

George Montgomery, Sr.
December 19, 2005

IN THE Halls



FACULTY & STAFF

Connie Crawley (Nutrition and Health Specialist, FACS Extension) has been awarded the 2006 Georgia Diabetes and Cardiovascular Award for Leadership by the Diabetes Prevention and Control and Drive for Sight Programs of the Georgia Department of Human Resources-Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Branch.

Joseph Goetz has joined the College of Family and Consumer Sciences as an assistant professor of Housing and Consumer Economics. He is completing his doctorate in the field of personal financial planning at Texas Tech University. He also has two master's degrees from Texas Tech, one in psychology and the other in financial planning. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Missouri.

Gail Hanula (Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program Coordinator and Extension Nutrition Specialist) has been awarded the 2006 Award of Excellence from the Georgia Nutrition Council. Hanula is a past president of the Georgia Nutrition Council, the Connecticut Nutrition Council and the Northeast Georgia Dietetic Association.

Ian Hardin (Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has been named co-director of the UGA Academy on the Environment. The Academy on the Environment was initiated in 1999 with the goal of addressing environmental issues by facilitating interactions across traditional academic

disciplines, offering interdisciplinary training programs and coordinating environmental research.

Francine (Frankie) Jones has been named director of the Georgia Traffic Injury Prevention Institute. She succeeds long-time director, **Steve Davis**, who has stepped down into a part-time position with GTIPI. **Beth Bartlett**, has been promoted into Jones' former position as head of GTIPI's Parent-Youth Outreach initiative.

Naz Kaya (Assistant Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) and her husband Ferhat Erdal are the parents of a son, Kaya Erdal, born Jan. 27.

Joan Moss (Associate Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been named a Sam M. Walton Free Enterprise Fellow for the 2005-06 academic year.

Robb Nielsen has joined the College of Family and Consumer Sciences Extension Office as a Financial Management Extension Specialist. He earned his PhD in family policy from Iowa State University, his master's in family ecology from the University of Utah and two bachelor's degrees – one in consumer studies and family economics and second in political science – from the University of Utah. He previously worked for the U.S. Census Bureau.

The **Traffic Injury Prevention Institute** has been awarded a \$963,000 grant from the Governor's Office of Highway Safety to continue its education and training programs in the use of safety belts, child safety seats, and safer teen driving. **Don Bower**, professor of child and family

development and head of the CFD department, is the principal investigator on the grant.

Janet Valente (BSHE '84, Home Economics Education; MS '86, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics; EdD '05, Adult Education) has joined the FACS Cooperative Extension Service as a program development specialist for the Northwest District. She is based in Griffin.

Tiffany Williams (Research Technician, Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program; BSFCS '99, Child and Family Development) has been awarded a Public Service and Outreach Staff Award for Excellence for developing a computer training course for paraprofessionals in the EFNEP program. The trainings provide paraprofessionals, many of whom have only basic computer skills and speak English as a second language, the skills necessary to enter EFNEP data. Williams was recognized along with other award recipients during the Annual Awards for Excellence in Public Service and Outreach luncheon in January.

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Candace Coats (Senior, Dietetics and Consumer Foods) has been awarded the Rita Waters Scholarship by the Georgia Nutrition Council. The scholarship will help defray some expenses associated with her dietetics internship.

Ju Young (Jill) Lee (Master's Student, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors)

has been named the winner of an Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award from the University of Georgia.

Yiping Lu (PhD Student, Textile Sciences) won the graduate school paper competition at the annual conference of the American Association of Textile Chemists and Colorists meeting. His paper was titled, "Analysis of Sulphonated Azo Dyes Degraded by White Rot Fungus *Pleurotus Ostreatus*."

Desiree Paulin (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) has received a \$1,000 seed grant from the UGA Institute of Gerontology for her research project titled, "Grandmothers and Granddaughters: Defining Womanhood through Intergenerational Interactions."

Ryan Peterson (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) has been named the winner of an Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award from the University of Georgia.

Norman Pollock (PhD Student, Foods and Nutrition; MS, '04, Foods and Nutrition; BSFCS '02, Dietetics; BSED '98, Health Promotion and Behavior) has been awarded the Research Presentation Award by the Georgia Nutrition Council for his two-year research project on body fatness and bone properties of pre-pubertal females.

Genni Lynn Trousdale (Senior, Furnishings and Interiors) was awarded an honorable mention for her kitchen design in the National Kitchen and Bath Association Student Design Competition.

Hong Yu (PhD Student, Textile Sciences) and **Hang Liu** (PhD Student, Textile Sciences) have been selected as finalists in the American Association for Textile and Color Chemists' Engineering Design Competition. They are now preparing to submit their product development project – a breathable non-woven surgical gown that prevents transmission of small biological particles – for the final evaluation and judging in the fall. Karen Leonas is their major advisor. ■

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Through the years, Gale has explored a variety of topics, including such disparate subjects as attachment and adoption (his daughter is from China) and improvisational theater, an interest he developed several years ago as a way of escaping the "publish or perish" mindset of academia.

"With my research on adoption, I am looking at how the stories and narratives we tell shape the meanings we attribute to our experience," he said. "With the work on improvisation, there was a focus on how the actors communicate in ways that build trust, validating the others' reality as it changes moment to moment, attending to subtle communication cues while keeping one's concentration in the present moment."

Gale's research has been recognized by the American Family Therapists Academy and he'll be awarded the Distinguished Contribution to Family Systems Research at this year's national conference.

In recommending him, the awards committee said Gale "has not only made outstanding contributions to qualitative research, but ... is a noted teacher and advocate in this area. He has consistently drawn attention in his research to the importance of context in understanding family and social phenomena."

During the 10 years Gale has headed the MFT doctoral program he has seen more than 30 students complete the program, which is ranked among the top three nationally. Those students have taken a number of positions with many in academic settings. In the past two years the program has expanded to include post-baccalaureates. These students will earn both their master's degree and doctorate while enrolled in the program.

As he works with graduate students, teaching them the intricacies of research and helping them enhance their therapeutic skills, Gale has one bit of advice:

"Find balance in your personal and professional life, and maintain moral accountability in your actions. I guess that's two," he said, chuckling. "But then that's why I do qualitative research." ■

Nominate Award Winners Online

Make your nominations for the 2006 Family and Consumer Sciences Alumni Association awards online by going to http://www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni/alumni_nominations.html

Awards recognize alumni, faculty, staff and friends who have made significant contributions to the FACS Alumni Association, the College, the profession and/or society in general.

Designing Dawgs: Mixing Networking with Fun

Take five “Lead Dawgs,” stir in faculty and students, pour into a variety of interior designing hotspots and what do you have? The College of Family and Consumer Sciences Designing Dawgs.

Formed three years ago as a way to encourage networking among FACS graduates who are interested in the interior design field, the group has expanded to include faculty and students in the furnishings and interiors major. And, according to **Kelly Dean** (BSHE '89, Fashion Merchandising; MS '91, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings), one of the founders of the group, it may soon expand even further.

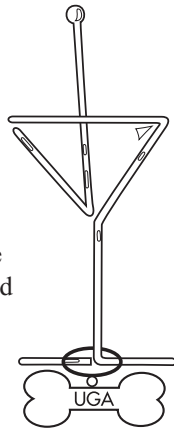
“We’ve realized that there may be others, such as alums working in fashion merchandising, who might also be interested in some of our programs,” she said. “For example, when we have a meeting that concentrates on fabrics, there are many alums in the fashion merchandising field who would be interested in that.”

Since Designing Dawgs began in 2004 the group has hosted meetings six times a year in a variety of locations, including a Southern Living Home that was designed by **Elizabeth Hutcheson** (BSFCS '94, Furnishings and Interiors), Georgia Lighting, Viking Culinary Arts Center, and IKEA.

In addition to Dean, the Designing Dawgs’ other Lead Dawgs are **Catherine Hube Stockman** (BSFCS '91, Furnishings and Interiors), director of KB Home Studio; **Patricia McLean** (BSHE '83, Furnishings and Interiors), owner of Patricia McLean Interiors; **Pam Goldstein Sanchez** (BSHE '84, Consumer Economics and Home Management), owner of Pam Sanchez Designs; and **Julie Toland Reynolds** (BSHE '81, Furnishings and Interiors), owner of Reynolds Interiors.

Interestingly, Dean’s career isn’t centered on interior design. Instead, she’s vice president for operations for Scofield Timber Co. But her interest in the field remains.

“It’s still my passion,” she said. “I still recall things I learned from faculty members like **Helen Epps** (Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors), who taught color theory, and **Nolan Eppers** (Professor Emeritus, Textiles,



Designing Dawgs

Merchandising and Interiors), who taught textile science.”

The genesis of Designing Dawgs was the result of a conversation Dean and **Katrina Bowers** (Director of Development; BSHE '84, Consumer Economics and Home Management) had three years ago.

“We discussed how unfortunate it was that we didn’t have an active interior design alumni group,” Dean recalled. “This was when I was first getting more active in FACS and I told Katrina how I missed the family feel of knowing everyone in the college.”

As Dean and Bowers continued to brainstorm, they agreed to contact other interior design alumni and, thus, Designing Dawgs was launched.

With a mailing list of some 900 FACS graduates in the Atlanta area who have an interest in interior design, Dean said she hopes Designing Dawgs will continue to grow and expand its networking base.

“There are only two rules for being a Designing Dawg,” she explained. “A love for the University of Georgia and a love for interior design.”

The Designing Dawgs logo is a martini glass, an effort, Dean said, to emphasize the networking nature of the group.

“We wanted people to know that Designing Dawgs events are a great way to meet others with similar interests,” she said. “But, since our meetings are in the evenings, we also wanted people to know these meetings also are relaxing and fun.” ■



Lead Dawgs Kelly Dean, Julie Reynolds, Patricia McLean and Catherine Hube Stockman. Not pictured, Pam Sanchez.

Wanda and Earl Barrs Plant Seeds for the Future



Leaving a FACS Legacy is something **Wanda and Earl Barrs** always planned to do. Wanda Taylor Barrs, BSHE '74, says, "I knew as a College student that my true passion was education. Currently, being involved on the state level, I draw on my FACS background and contacts often. Giving back of my time and resources to my alma mater has never been a question for me."

Wanda was appointed by Governor Sonny Perdue to lead the State Board of Education as Chair in 2003. Her husband, Earl, BSFR '74, is president of Knapp-Barrs & Associates and Due South Investments of Macon, a forestry consulting and real estate firm. The couple lives in Cochran, GA. They combined Earl's love of forestry and Wanda's passion for education by implementing the nationally recognized "Project Learning Tree" curriculum in their field excursions. Thousands of school children and adults have visited Gully Branch, the family tree farm, where the Barrs teach forest sustainability and conservation. Wanda

has not only taught outside of the classroom, but has served as a Bleckley County middle school teacher. Regardless of the type of instruction she's delivered, Wanda says "Quite simply, being a FACS graduate, made me a better teacher!"

Being true partners, Wanda and Earl believe in sharing equally at the University of Georgia. Recently, they created two endowments. One is in the Warnell School of Forest Resources and the other is in our College. FACS will use the gift to create a leadership identification fund. Wanda states "There are often students who are growing in their leadership development. They aren't serving as the president of a club, but they COULD be the president one day. Earl and I want to invest in those students by giving them some development opportunities which will build their confidence and ultimately make them better community servants and FACS professionals."

The Barrs also wanted to secure their giving into the future. They have made plans and documented them with the University to leave a more significant gift to the two Colleges that they love. This makes Earl and Wanda part of the new FACS **100 Legacies in the Making** Campaign. They do not see this as simply "their" legacy. It is built on the values of their parents. The Barrs and Taylor families believed in the value of education and "invested" in their children when resources were limited. Now Earl and Wanda want to extend that legacy.

From these roots, additional branches are emerging. The Barrs' children, son Andy (MFR '02) and daughter Meredith Barrs Potter (BSFCS '04), earned their degrees from the same school and college as their respective parents. With such dedicated models, it's no wonder Meredith and Andy have begun to plan for their own legacies. From little seeds, come deep roots. We are proud that those roots are firmly planted at The University of Georgia. ■



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