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Let's Play!

What was once an ugly corner of the McPhaul Child Development Lab playground has been transformed into a new amphitheater play area complete with two hillside slides. Designed by UGA alumnus and CDL dad Josh Koons, ground was broken on March 19 with the help of CDL students. A mere 12 weeks later, the ribbon was cut on the completed area and the center's children demonstrated the myriad ways one can jump up and down steps and slide down slides.

FOREWORD

Resilience: FACS is there when and where most needed

Mastering life requires us to be sufficiently strong in spirit to withstand hardship or adverse physical or emotional conditions. In this issue of FACS Magazine are three examples of Family and Consumer Sciences faculty and graduates helping us set the stage to assist people who are coping with challenging situations.



Before attitudes and learned behaviors can change, it's necessary to understand their human dimensions. Leslie Gordon Simons' research helps us understand and recognize the signs that a young person is more likely to be heading for trouble. Designing evidence-based interventions, outreach, and public education is the next step from her research and a hallmark of our land grant university.

Hospitals can be scary places, but helping children develop coping skills can reduce those fears and, in some cases, increase the likelihood of successful treatments. The success of our child life program is due, in part, to research put into practice by Charlotte Wallinga and our graduates, alongside partners at the Georgia Health Sciences University in Augusta and other hospitals. Both our college and the university's focus on health sciences professions is more visible and accessible today with the opening of the UGA Health Sciences Campus on Prince Avenue. You can learn more about the UGA-GHSU partnership by visiting www.healthsciences.uga.edu.

Being there for enlisted military personnel at a remote and hostile location on the other side of the globe is a job unlike any other for graduate Pamela Turner, a USO employee in Afghanistan. Serving military families abroad and here at home is supported by research and outreach including the FACS-based Family and Community Resilience Laboratory, www.fcs.uga.edu/hdfs/fcrlweb.

After reading this issue of FACS Magazine I hope you will agree that innovative programs, a concern for society, a focus on hands-on experience and cutting-edge research unite the programs in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences and set us apart from others.

Go Dawgs!

Linda Kirk Fox
Dean

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Child Life Specialists

By Thomas W. Durso

Empowering seriously ill children to cope with treatment procedures requires child life specialists to be adaptable and creative. Having a fairy wand on hand can also help. Kelly Wagner and Lauren Shinn (L), child life specialists at MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital in Houston, are among the FACS graduates who are wonderful in this field.

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As a USO duty manager at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan, Michelle Turner arranges card games, cookouts and, many times, just listens to the service members who pass through the centers' doors.

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UPFRONT

Groundbreaking Researcher Joins HACE

John Grable, a long-time faculty member in financial planning at Kansas State University, has joined the Department of Housing and Consumer Economics as the University of Georgia Athletic Association Endowed Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Grable began his career as an assistant professor at Texas Tech University. In 1999 he joined Kansas State University, where he rose to the rank of professor; in 2008 he was named the Vera

Mowery McAninch Professor of Human Development and Family Studies. Grable also served KSU as director of the Certified Financial Planning programs, director of the Institute of Personal Financial Planning, and co-director of the Financial Therapy Clinic. Moreover, he was one of the founders of the Financial Therapy Association, established just three years ago.

In his new position, Grable will focus his research

on two particular areas: the analysis of consumers' financial-risk tolerance and the development and testing of financial therapy models (through the college's ASPIRE Clinic).

In his earlier research, Grable found that consumers aren't always aware of their emotional responses to stressors in the marketplace. For example, "individuals may say that they aren't affected by high-pressure sales tactics, but if you measure their skin temperature and sweat production, you'll see that they *are* affected," Grable says. "This could put

people more at risk of buying something that's not in their best interest."

Grable plans to expand this area of research to determine if students and practitioners can be trained to incorporate stress-management methods when practicing financial planning. Specifically, he hopes to find a link between stress management and better financial outcomes for consumers. Ultimately, through applied research in the ASPIRE clinic, FACS can become the world leader in establishing financial therapy as a field of study, Grable believes.

"I look forward to working with our students and professionals in the ASPIRE clinic to develop proven methods for helping individuals and families who are trying to cope with financial issues," he says. "Although there are people in a variety of fields who have been successful working with clients, the clinical, experimental and survey research in this field is still in its infancy."

Grable earned his bachelor of science degree in business and economics from the University of Nevada in Reno, his master of business administration degree from Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y., and his Ph.D. in family resource management from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

Grable is one of 14 faculty members who have received Athletic Association Professorships since May 2006. "We take great pride in funding these professorships," said UGA Athletic Director Greg McGarity. "Our faculty serve as the backbone of our entire enterprise, and we are fortunate to be able to assist the university in this manner."



John Grable, UGA Athletic Association Professor of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Alumnae named to “40 Under 40”

Three graduates of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences are included in this year’s “40 Under 40” program, which recognizes UGA alumni who have made impacts in their business, community, educational or philanthropic endeavors; demonstrated a lifelong relationship with the University of Georgia; and have aspired to uphold the principles of the Pillars of the Arch—wisdom, justice and moderation.

Camille Hinton Kesler, who earned her BSFCS in 1994 in consumer economics, has a long history as a volunteer for charitable organizations. In June, she assumed the presidency of the Junior League of Atlanta, whose 4,000 members make it the third-largest Junior League chapter in the world. She also is the vice president for administration of the Atlanta Symphony Association’s board of directors, the board secretary of the Atlanta Children’s Shelter, and a board member of the Atlanta Speech School Guild.

A communications consultant, Kesler lives in Atlanta with her husband, Paul, and their three daughters.

Caree Jackson, who earned her master’s degree in 2004 and her doctorate in 2008 in foods and nutrition, currently works at the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as an Oak Ridge Institute for Science Education fellow. In that capacity she has helped develop and implement First Lady Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move!” child-care initiative. Jackson also co-leads a federal interagency workgroup focused on healthful weight

in early childhood, and she leads the CDC’s technical assistance program for states and communities pursuing obesity-prevention efforts in early child care and educational settings.

Prior to her current position, Jackson was a Kellogg Health Scholar at Morgan State University in Baltimore (from 2008 to 2010). Working in conjunction with the Union Baptist Head Start Center, she developed and piloted the Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds program, which includes curricular materials for children, teachers and parents.

Heather Kaney Burge earned her BSFCS degree in 2003 and immediately opened BleuBelle Boutique, which has been voted “Best Women’s Store” in Savannah for seven years straight. She also is the owner of BleuBelle Bridal, a couture bridal store that features designs by Vera Wang and Oscar de la Renta.

The Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce named BleuBelle Boutique the Small Business of the Year in 2007; and Burge was one of 30 prominent business leaders featured by the Savannah College of Art and Design’s 30-year celebration campaign. Burge also has been active in a variety of charitable programs, including Dancing with the Savannah Stars—to raise money for the Court-Appointed Special Advocate Association. She lives in Richmond Hill with her husband, Roger, and their daughter, Lawson.



Kesler



Jackson



Burge

103 And Going Strong

Mildred Ray, who earned her bachelor of home economics degree in 1939, looks over the *History of Home Economics* with **Susan Byus**, director of alumni relations and student leadership. Miss Ray, who is 103, began her college career in 1931 in the home economics department at the State Normal School for Teachers, but within a year the program was combined with UGA to form the School of Home Economics. She began teaching second grade at Hart County's Airline Elementary School in 1933, but was soon

asked to take over the school's home economics classes. In order to earn her bachelor of science in home economics degree, Miss

Ray spent her summers taking courses at UGA while living in the "original" home management houses, located on the site of what is now the UGA Continuing Education Center.

During her career, Miss Ray taught home economics and managed school lunch programs at a number of high schools. From 1946-1964, she taught home economics to the wives of returning soldiers at what was then known as the North Georgia Vocational and Technical School in Clarkesville. After she retired, Miss Ray and her sister continued to stay busy creating items that were sold in a variety of gift shops, including at Unicoi State Park and Grove Park Inn in North Carolina.

Miss Ray, who continues to enjoy good health, has lived at The Gables at Cobb Village in Royston for the past few years where she works crossword puzzles and plays card games with fellow residents in addition to enjoying visits from her great-nieces and great-nephews.



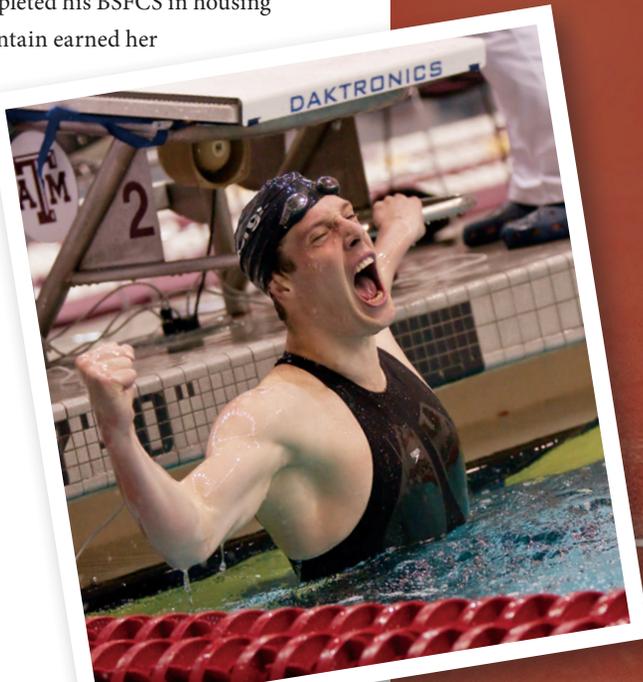
Olympic Efforts

FACS alumni **Troyden Prinsloo** and **Hyleas Fountain** were among the 28 past, current and future UGA Bulldogs to participate in the Olympic Games in London this past summer.

Prinsloo, who represented his native South Africa, placed 12th in the men's open water marathon with a time of 1 hour, 50 minutes and 52.9 seconds in the murky waters of the Serpentine in Hyde Park. (The winning time was 1 hour, 49 minutes and 55.1 seconds.) The 25-man field completed six laps of 1.66 kilometers each.

American Hyleas Fountain struggled in the heptathlon, a seven-event competition that includes the 100-meter hurdles, high jump, shot put, 200-meter run, long jump, javelin throw and 800-meter run. Fountain, who won silver in the event during the 2008 Beijing Olympics, clocked a career-best time of 12.7 seconds in the 100-meter hurdles and was in second place overall following the high jump, during which she cruised over the bar at 6 feet, 1.25 inches. But because her efforts in other events fell far short of her past successes, Fountain, who has struggled with injuries in recent months, ultimately dropped out of the competition.

Prinsloo completed his BSFCS in housing in 2011, while Fountain earned her degree in child and family development in 2010. ■





Child Life SPECIALISTS

By Thomas W. Durso

The patient had cancer and was just 3½ years old. Her parents had brought her to the University of Texas MD Anderson Children’s Cancer Hospital in Houston for proton therapy, an advanced type of radiation treatment that zeroes in on tumors while leaving adjacent healthy tissue alone. For best results, however, the patient must remain still; any movement can change the trajectory of the proton beam and render the treatment less effective.

But the patient’s parents wanted her to undergo the treatment while not under sedation.

As any mother or father can attest, getting a 3½-year-old to stay still for any discernible length of time is a daunting task. Factor in the challenge of doing it as part of treating a life-threatening condition, and the stakes become exponentially higher. Fortunately, the staff at MD Anderson includes child life specialists who help young people and their families navigate the often frightening and confusing health care environments so that they can prepare for and cope with treatment procedures.

“The first thing to remember is that kids are way more resilient than adults,” says child life specialist **Kelly Wagner**, a 2009 graduate of FACS. “If there’s one speck of fun, a child is going to find it.”

In this case, it was through fairies that Wagner helped her young patient make it through the simulation she underwent to prepare for the procedure. To put the girl at ease for a practice run, Wagner chatted with her and discovered that she loved fairies. Wagner scared up a wand and told the girl that if she held it over her head, she would be able to keep her body still and in a straight line so that she could fly through the machinery that emits the protons.

With that idea in mind, the girl completed the simulation successfully. “There was a smile on her face the whole time,” says Wagner. “It was something she loved to do. To her, it wasn’t hard—it was fun.”

Empowering Children

The Child Life program is offered as a joint effort of the FACS Department of Human Development and Family Science and the Georgia Health Sciences University. “Our goal is to train the very best child developmentalists we can and help them go on to health care settings and empower children and families,” says Charlotte Wallinga, HDFS associate professor and head of the Child Life program.

Entrance to the program is competitive; only a handful of undergraduates are accepted each year. Students pursue core coursework at UGA during their first three years and spend their senior year at GHSU in Augusta, taking



Wallinga

“The special needs of children and families are more at the forefront than ever before.”

◀ **Lauren Shinn and 6-year-old Abraham Ortiz play with a puppet to learn about treatment procedures used at MD Anderson Children’s Cancer Hospital.**



courses in health care-related issues and working in clinical venues. At GHSU, students complete more than a thousand hours of clinical work in a hospital setting. The program has a similarly demanding master's level component that includes students taking coursework at UGA while spending one day each week at the Children's Hospital of Atlanta.

"The special needs of children and families are more at the forefront than ever before," Wallinga says. "The longer we study, the more we realize that preparing children for medical procedures can make them less anxious. If a child has some intervention before a procedure,

they're more cooperative. Research is bearing this out."

Being Wonderful

The toolkit of a child life specialist is as varied as children themselves. Specialists must be precisely attuned to the developmental stages of the patients they're assisting. They must be able to communicate effectively with kids, families, physicians and nurses. They have to be team players. They must be industrious—it can be difficult for young people to express themselves, and the specialist has to be able to work longer and harder to discover what they need.

And, as Wallinga points out, they must be creative—what works for one child won't necessarily work for another. They have to be adaptable and able to set priorities. In short, says Wallinga, "they just have to be wonderful."

For example, as part of "being wonderful" in one case, Wagner immersed herself in the world of *Doc McStuffins*, a Disney Channel show about a 6-year-old who heals her toys and dolls with help from her stuffed-animal pals, when she learned that a patient was a fan.

Lauren Shinn, also a child life specialist at MD Anderson, is a strong proponent of play and often will demonstrate procedures using medical instruments on puppets. "We always say, 'I'm here to play with you,'" notes Shinn, who earned her master's

degree in 2010. "We want to open the door and be kind of a nonthreatening person, so that throughout their hospital journey, when they have those hard times, they have that established rapport so we can support them a little better."

Clearly, in order to build that rapport child life specialists necessarily must engage their patients more intimately than physicians and nurses do. And treating seriously ill children, Wallinga says, requires an additional unique ability: to be able to "self-care" in order to cope with the tragedy of very sick children.

"Sometimes children die," she says. "And you know that has to be tough."

Connecting Creatively

After cruising through the simulation, the 3½-year-old cancer patient whom Wagner assisted made it successfully through her treatment without sedation.

"We added to her fairy flying costume for her treatment, including pink-tinted sunglasses—her flying glasses—so she could fly very straight and very still through the big proton machine," Wagner reports. "She's done a great job and asks her parents great questions that are helping her learn and understand more about why she is getting treatment, which is helping her understand more about why she must hold still."

The effort needed to get a preschooler to remain motionless



for a complex medical procedure involved neither intense therapy nor authoritative fiat but rather an ability to connect and an affinity for creativity. And, perhaps, some fairy dust sprinkled in as well.

“One of the best parts of my job,” Shinn says, “is helping kids develop those skills so they can cope without me; to kind of overcome and see that they can do things they didn’t think they could do.” ■

— Thomas Durso is a free-lance writer who lives in suburban Philadelphia.

Kelly Wagner uses a doll and a child-sized proton therapy machine to help 3-year-old Collin Kratzer ease any anxiety about proton therapy, a type of radiation treatment that zeroes in on tumors while leaving adjacent healthy tissue alone.

USO Call of Duty

FACS graduate helps provide war-weary U.S. soldiers with a haven and a bit of home.

By Denise Horton

“Everyone gets the same respect and treatment here. It doesn’t matter if they’re a private or a lieutenant colonel.”

The Facebook page for the USO centers at Bagram Air Field in Afghanistan is filled with photos of airmen and airwomen celebrating birthdays, information on upcoming 5-K races, and announcements of events such as a “Ladies Night” that will include making scented body scrubs to ease the effects of the always-blowing sand.

Since arriving at Bagram in May, **Michelle Turner** has spent six days a week at the two USO centers at the air field, trying to provide a haven for the several thousand military personnel stationed there, in addition to several thousand more who arrive for short-term training, await transfer to more remote locations, or have been wounded and brought to Bagram for treatment.

When soldiers enter a USO they leave their rank at the door, becoming just men and women waiting to call home, send an email, or play a game of cards, Turner says. “Everyone gets the same respect and treatment here. It doesn’t matter if they’re a private or a lieutenant colonel.”

As homey as possible in a war zone

Turner’s path to the USO was a meandering one. After graduating in 2004 with a BSFCS degree in consumer economics, she moved to Seattle but found that managing a clothing store was a less than fulfilling career. Yearning for adventure, she and a friend quit their jobs and planned a 10-day trip to Fiji. “Another friend suggested we consider going to Thailand and teaching English for two years instead, so we did that,” Turner says.

She came back to the States in 2008, just as the nation’s financial crisis was deepening. Recognizing that the job market would be lean, she returned to UGA and in 2011 earned a master in public health degree with a certificate in disaster management. A friend who already worked for the USO recommended Turner pursue a position with the organization. After submitting her resume and completing a barrage of interviews, Turner moved to Kuwait for her first USO assignment. Just nine months later, after learning the Kuwait center was closing, she decided to move to Bagram, despite having the option to choose less dangerous postings, such as in Japan, South Korea, or Europe.







USO Duty Manager Michelle Turner with (L-R) Army Spc. Russell Edgett and Army Sgt. David Cribb, both of Fort Drum, N.Y.; and Air Force Tech. Sgt. Christopher Nichols of Van Buren, Ark.

As a duty manager, Turner oversees the day-to-day operation of the Bagram Pat Tillman Memorial USO Center and Bagram East, checking out guitars, computers, PlayStations, and other items to the men and women who stop in. She also helps with major events, such as a 26-mile hike that was held in Kuwait. More than 3,000 extra people arrived at the base for the trek that memorialized the World War II Bataan Death March in the Philippines; Turner and her USO colleagues coordinated a cookout for them all. Other events have included arranging for Santa and Mrs. Claus to visit multiple Christmas gatherings, coordinating Independence Day celebrations, and organizing a Labor Day cookout for 300.

While Turner and her colleagues work hard to make USO centers as homey as possible with big comfy sofas that are suitable for naps and homemade quilts

hung on the wall as decorations, they never forget that they're in a war zone that includes rocket attacks and wounded soldiers arriving from elsewhere in the country. In fact, the "wounded-warrior kits" are an important project of the USO, she says. "When guys are wounded, they're lifted out of their forward operating bases with the clothes on their back. The wounded-warrior kits provide them with underwear, shorts, a couple of T-shirts, and a hygiene kit so that they're not stuck wearing a hospital gown until they're either evacuated or can receive new gear."

Providing a little bit of peace

Working for the USO requires flexibility and the ability to improvise, Turner says. "When you're living in a war zone, things can change at the drop of a hat." In addition, because the USO is a nonprofit organization that is funded by donations, and often operates on a limited budget, the ability to improvise and make the most of what's available is essential. But there's also a tedium that can seep into life, especially in an environment as hostile as Afghanistan. "Sometimes, it feels like you're in the movie *Groundhog Day*, where the same things happen over and over," Turner says. "But you just keep moving along, permanently covered in a layer of dust and sand in your shoes."

That tedium is easily interrupted, however, when the USO is able to connect an expectant father with his wife via Skype and can see his child's birth, or when mothers and fathers come to the USO's reading room and participate in the United Through Reading program, which allows a service member to record themselves reading a book to their child. When they finish, the book and DVD are mailed by the USO to the family, allowing a bit of a connection between home and Afghanistan.

Turner doesn't anticipate the USO being a lifetime career. Instead, she says she'll likely pursue a career with either a federal or state emergency-management agency. Meanwhile, she'll continue to provide a bit of home away from home for those located in Afghanistan. "The goal of the USO is to raise the spirits of America's troops and families," she says. "The troops live dangerous and stressful lives, but the USO gives them a respite—a place for a little bit of peace." ■



▶ Helping the Heroes

The USO has more than 160 locations worldwide – including nine centers in Afghanistan and others in Europe, the Pacific, stateside, and Southwest Asia. In 2011, it cost \$1.2 million to run a large USO center at Bagram or Kandahar, Afghanistan. The USO, which is a nonprofit organization, spends about 90 percent of its resources on program-related activities.

If you would like to support the USO Centers at Bagram Air Base in Afghanistan, where FACS graduate Michelle Turner is stationed, send phone cards, snacks, toiletries, video games for PlayStation 3s and current magazines to:

J. Michelle Turner
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Visit USO.org to learn other ways to support the USO through volunteering or donating money.

SEX, VIOLENCE AND PORNOGRAPHY

Parenting plays important role in young adults' sexual behavior.

By Denise Horton

What are the predictors of delinquency, risky sex and intimate-partner violence? For **Leslie Gordon Simons**, an associate professor of human development and family science, it's all in the family. "When I began working on my PhD I chose two areas of concentration—families and criminology," she recalls. "What I learned was that the family's influences explain more of the variance in adolescent delinquency and antisocial behavior than any other factor."

Simons' graduate work at Iowa State University and her studies as a postdoctoral fellow at the ISU Institute for Social and Behavioral Research led her to specialize in issues related to parenting practices and their impacts on the behavior of adolescents and young adults.

It has long been understood that adults tend to engage in the same parenting styles they encountered as children, but Simons' research explores a different aspect of relationships—intergenerational transmission of violence. In other words, she examines the ways in which a child's exposure to harsh parenting increases the risk for later exposure to sexual coercion and violence in intimate partnerships.

In research dating from 2008, she has been among the first to show that these behaviors are related to whether a boy experiences harsh corporal punishment—which seems to teach children that violence in close relationships is acceptable.

Simons also has discovered links between harsh parenting, pornography and sexual coercion that includes



both men and women. In surveying 2,000 young adults, she found that 47 percent of the male respondents said they had engaged in at least one coercive sexual practice while nearly 40 percent of the young women reported having engaged in intercourse despite their wish not to do so. Three-quarters of the men and one-quarter of the women also reported having watched pornography in the past year. Men who had experienced harsh corporal punishment as children and who viewed X-rated materials as adults were more likely to be perpetrators of sexual coercion while women with a similar history were more likely to be victims.

Simons has also examined links between a casual approach to sexual relationships, harsh corporal punishment and the use of physical force with a dating partner. “If a son is raised with the view that the use of violence is legitimate and he also has a nonchalant attitude toward sex, he is more likely to become frustrated if his partner denies him sex and to use sexual coercion to achieve his goal,” she says.

But it’s the role of “interparental warmth” and “interparental hostility” in intimate partner violence that provides some counterintuitive findings in Simons’ most recent research. “Past studies seemed to imply that the negative effect of hostility and aggression between parents can be compensated for by an otherwise warm and nurturing family environment,” according to Simons. “But our research shows that under certain conditions interparental warmth can actually amplify the likelihood of dating violence.”

Simons has found that individuals who grow up with parents who show high levels of both hostility and warmth in their marital relationships are at highest risk for both perpetrating and being the victim of dating violence. “When we examined the ways in which warmth and hostility interact, we found that the presence of warmth and support normalized aggression and violence,” Simons says. “In other words, children may learn the lesson that even in loving relationships it is sometimes the case that partners hit each other.”

Simons’ findings provide support for the idea that sexual coercion and violence in dating relationships are

rooted, at least in part, in family of origin experiences.

“I think the take-away message is that the best way parents can avoid contributing to their child’s chances of being in a violent dating relationship is to eschew family interaction involving verbal and physical aggression,” she says “This is true whether the behavior in question is between parents or directed by the parent toward the child.”

In addition to her own research, Simons is playing a key role in extending the longitudinal Family and Community Health Study, which began 15 years ago at Iowa State University and UGA. The study has involved extensive assessments of 800 African-American families, half of whom lived in Iowa and half of whom lived in rural Georgia. While she originally trained as a post-doctoral researcher on the project Simons is now a co-investigator and is in the process of seeking funding from the National Institutes of Health to extend the study another five years.

“Participants in the study included families who had a child who was 10 years old at the first data collection,” says Simons. “We’ve continued to revisit those families every two years to gather additional information. Now those children are grown and many of them are parents. Many have made successful and stable life transitions while others have had different experiences. This project is helping us identify factors in families that make them resilient in the face of adversity.”

Much of Simons’ research is on identifying negative outcomes—that is, on explaining antisocial behavior—which she maintains is essential to helping families in the long run. “If you only focus on what families do right, you can overlook important social issues that need to be addressed,” she says. “But the inquiry shouldn’t stop there, it should continue to the next step to help individuals and families avoid risk factors.” ■



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1970s

Wanda Taylor Barrs (BSHE '74, Home Economics Education) received the Georgia Association of Extension 4-H Agents Friend of 4-H Award at the State 4-H Congress in Atlanta on July 26.

Robbie Baughn Boggs (BSHE '75, Fashion Merchandising; MHE '78, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings) is the merchandising chair and an instructor in the Department of Family and Consumer Sciences at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, Ala. She was recently elected as an executive board member and vice president of operations for 2012-2014 at the annual conference of the Alabama Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She also serves on the advisory board of Bauder College in Atlanta and is a longtime member of the Fashion Group International of Atlanta.

1980s

Marci Lynn Millner (BSHE '89, Home Economics and Journalism) recently established The Well-Dressed Man, a personal wardrobe consulting business, in St. Louis, Mo. Prior to establishing her new business, Millner spent two decades in retail businesses, earning a variety of awards, including the President's Club Award at Jos. A. Bank Clothiers for being in the top 2.5 percent of sellers nationwide. She also won sales performance awards at Crane & Co. paper makers and the Dillard's department store chain.

Debbie Phillips (BSFCS '85, Home Economics and Journalism; MS '87, Housing, Home Management and Consumer Economics) received the 2012 Anthony V. Pusateri Award at the National Apartment Association Conference. The award recognizes Phillips work with the Georgia Apartment Industry Education Foundation, including her efforts among FACS

housing majors and as a part-time instructor, to promote careers in the apartment industry. Her work was highlighted as a model for other states.

1990s

Becky Wood Carlan (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) was elected tax commissioner for Banks County in May. Her four-year term will begin in January 2013.

Louis Shaun Golden (BSFCS '93, Consumer Economics) is co-founder of the NeverNX Athletic Apparel Company, which creates apparel that caters to athletes and alumni.

Mary Beth Hart-Watson (BSFCS '96, Home Economics Education; MEd '02, Occupational

Studies) has been elected to the Colquitt County School Board. She lives in Moultrie.

Leigh Broadwell McMinn (BSFCS '91, Family and Consumer Sciences and Journalism) is an adoption consultant and client relations manager for Adoption Information Services Inc., an educational, referral and guidance center based in metro Atlanta. She is married to Greg McMinn and lives in Loganville.

Hines Ward (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) has joined NBC Sports as a football analyst. He retired from professional football in March 2012 after playing 14 seasons with the Pittsburgh Steelers, where he was the team's all-time leader in receptions, receiving yardage and touchdown receptions. He lives in Sandy Springs.



More than 500 alumni and friends of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences and the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences attended the

18th Annual South Campus Tailgate Sept. 15. In addition to 32 exhibits that showcased the colleges' student clubs and departments, those attending also had the opportunity to pet chickens, rabbits and even a Madagascar hissing cockroach! Other highlights included a professional magician, music, Blue Bell ice cream and Coca-Cola products. Barbecue was provided by Fresh Air Barbecue of Athens.

2000s

Natalie Simons Barber (BSFCS '07, Consumer Economics) is a senior financial planner at The Ayco Company in Atlanta.

Jon English Birdsong (BSFCS '08, Family Financial Planning) is a sales and marketing executive in Atlanta for SalesLoft, a sales intelligence software business.

A.J. Bryant (BSFCS '07, Housing) is a commercial real estate appraiser with Carr, Lawson, Cantrell & Associates Inc. in Atlanta.

Reg Buzzell (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) is an adviser at Repay-Realtime Electronic Payments transaction processing company in Atlanta.

Andria Cooper (BSFCS '06, Consumer Economics) is an operations process analyst for Cbeyond, an information technology company that provides comprehensive services to small businesses.

Emily Honan Dillard (BSFCS '08, Child and Family Development) is a senior wish coordinator with the Children's Wish Foundation International, which works to fulfill the most desired wishes of children with life-threatening illnesses.

Robert Edwards (BSFCS '97, Consumer Economics) has been hired as head football coach for Greene County High School in Greensboro.

Clarissa Mona Esguerra (MS '05, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) is an assistant curator of costume and textiles at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art in California. She is currently working on an exhibition titled, "Reigning Men: From the Macaroni to the Metrosexual," that will open in December 2014.

John David Eubanks (BSFCS '07, Family Financial Planning) is a Certified Financial Planner at Patton Albertson & Miller in Macon.

Kaitlyn Bryana Foley (BSFCS '09, Fashion Merchandising) is the U.S. Open corporate merchandising coordinator for the U.S. Golf

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Association. She annually works with more than 200 corporate clients who participate in the U.S. Open.

Leslie Buchanan Friedman (BSFCS '09, Fashion Merchandising) is establishing her own line of clothing, called Buchanan, that she plans to introduce in spring 2013. She lives in Bettendorf, Iowa, with her husband, Andrew.

Kara Gapinski (BSFCS '07, Fashion Merchandising) is an executive team leader with Target in Smyrna.

Kelly Garges (BSFCS '02, Housing) is a producer at Johnson & Bryan, an insurance agency in Atlanta.

Lauren Ellerbee Goodman (BSFCS '09, Fashion Merchandising) is an area human resource manager with Nordstrom in Atlanta. She lives in Cartersville with her husband, Joshua.

Jonas Louis Hayes (BSFCS '04, Child and Family Development) has joined the UGA men's basketball team as operations coordinator after spending the past five years as an assistant basketball coach at Belmont Abbey College in South Carolina. Jonas and his twin brother, Jarvis, were both members of the UGA team in the early 2000s. In his new role, Jonas assists in on-campus recruiting efforts, summer camps and community outreach.

Tosha Hays (BSFCS '07, Fashion Merchandising) is a product design director with Spanx Inc. in Atlanta. Recent projects have included launching a new collection for Kohl's department stores. She lives in Atlanta.

Corinne Huggins (BSFCS '04, Child and Family Development) is an assistant professor in research and evaluation methods at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Sara Jayne Idacavage (BSFCS '09, Fashion Merchandising) is a sales planner at *New York* magazine, as well as a free-lance writer for NYMag.com, *Refinery29* and *Time Out New York*. She lives in Brooklyn, N.Y.

Hayley S. Jackson (BSFCS '09, Fashion Merchandising) is an associate manager for product development with Benchmark Brands/FootSmart.com, a catalog and online retailer focusing on shoes, socks, foot and lower body healthcare products. She focuses on developing the company's proprietary brands of socks, hosiery and foot-health products. She lives in Atlanta.

Blake King (BSFCS '09, Family Financial Planning) is a financial adviser at Merrill Lynch in Charleston, S.C.

Ryan King (BSFCS '07, Family Financial Planning) is an agent with State Farm Insurance in Atlanta.

Angela Sue Kornfield (BSFCS '08, Fashion Merchandising) is a retail services manager with AmericasMart in Atlanta.

Carolyn Morse Lewis (BSFCS '05, Consumer Economics) is a recruiting manager at Gables Residential in Atlanta.

Jaclyn Bennett Little (BSFCS '09, Fashion Merchandising) is a freelance reporter for *InStyle Magazine* and a freelance copywriter for Ralph Lauren. She lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., but has been traveling this summer throughout Europe.

Lori Walker Maggioni (BSFCS '09, Nutrition Science), a registered dietitian in the U.S. Army Medical Specialists Corps stationed in Dupont, Wash., has been promoted to the rank of captain.

Kate McGill (BSFCS '09, Fashion Merchandising; BBA '11, Accounting) is an accounts receivable coordinator for Proenza Schouler, a New York-based womenswear and accessories company.

Amanda Crowe Ray (BSFCS '06, Child and Family Development) is a wish coordinator with the Children's Wish Foundation International, which works to enhance the lives of children with life-threatening illnesses.

Ruth Gildea Taylor (BSFCS '03, Dietetics; MS '05, Foods and Nutrition) and **John Taylor** (BSFCS '06, Consumer Economics) are the parents of Audrey Mae, born Dec. 4, 2011.

Kelly Donahue Wagner (MS '09, Child and Family Development) and her husband, Stephen, are the parents of a son, Jude Alexander, born March 14.

Josh Whitlock (BSFCS '05, Child and Family Development) and his wife, Michal, welcomed their son, James Pace, born June 25, and weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

Angelique Dorier Witcher (BSFCS '08, Fashion Merchandising) is a store manager and social media manager for Fab'rik Boutique in Atlanta.

2010s

Tiffany Michele Aholou (PhD '11, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in fall 2011. The title of her dissertation

is, "A Sign of the Times: African-American Seminarians' Attitudes, Perceptions and Knowledge about HIV and Mutual HIV Testing in Intimate Relationships." Her major professor was Jerry Gale.

Laura Arnold (PhD '11, Child and Family Development) and her husband, John, are the parents of a son, Caleb Ryan, born July 18.

Rachel Babin (BSFCS '10, Fashion Merchandising) is an assistant site merchandise manager for shoes with Bloomingdales.com in New York City.

Camille Blair (BSFCS '12, FACSed) is teaching family and consumer sciences education at Oglethorpe County High School in Lexington, Ga.

Lisa Rene Brörmann (BSFCS '10, Fashion Merchandising) is a sales associate with Ralph Lauren in Antwerp, Belgium.

Landi Clark (BSFCS '11, Consumer Economics) is the owner of Every Thing Special gift shop in Moultrie, where she also lives.



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FACS Breaks are designed for a small group of alumni to gather over lunch, dinner or coffee to network and reconnect in a casual, personal setting. The email invitation makes FACS Breaks cost effective and time efficient.

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Priyanka Chakraborty, (PhD '11, Foods and Nutrition) earned her doctoral degree in fall 2011. The title of her dissertation is, "Determinants of Nutritional Status of Children Under Five Years in India—A Multilevel Approach." Her major professor was Alex Anderson.

Briane Davis (BSFCS '10, Family Financial Planning) is a college adviser with the Georgia College Advising Corps, working with under-represented, first-generation and low-income students with the college application process. She lives in the Augusta, Ga., area.

Natalie Davis (BSFCS '11, Fashion Merchandising) is a fashion merchandiser and designer for Ballet Jewels Inc. in New York City.

Anne Catherine Spencer Duke (PhD '12, Housing and Consumer Economics) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2012. The title of her dissertation is, "Motivating Health Savings Account Funding." Her major professor was Brenda Cude.

Natalie D. Duncan (MS '12, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in spring 2012. The title of her thesis is, "Dietary Flavonoids and Liver Protein Expression in Healthy Rats." Her major professor was Arthur Grider.

Ashley Jordan Ferira, (PhD '11, Foods and Nutrition) earned her doctoral degree in fall 2011. The title of her dissertation is, "Vitamin D, Cardiometabolic Risk, and Insulin Sensitivity in Children." Her major professor was Richard Lewis.

Sarah Beth Fishel (BSFCS '11, Fashion Merchandising) is a sales coordinator for Brioni men's fashion wear in New York City.

Elizabeth Foss (BSFCS '10, Consumer Journalism) is a director of marketing for Pride Fine Art in Alexandria, Va. She lives in Washington, D.C.

Jessica Denae Furman (MS '12, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in spring 2012. The title of her thesis is, "The Three-Factor Eating Questionnaire—R18 is able to Determine Different Eating Behaviors and Food Patterns in Congregate Meal Participants." Her major professor was Mary Ann Johnson.

Donna Lynn Hancock (PhD '12, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2012. The title of her dissertation is, "Predicting the Risk of Teenage Pregnancy Among African Americans: an Investigation of A Social Contextual Model." Her major professor was Leslie Gordon Simons.

Crystal Rene Hudson (PhD '12, Housing and Consumer Economics) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2012. The title of her dissertation is, "The Effect of

Six Degrees of Connection

I didn't take the traditional career path with my furnishings and interiors degree from FACS, but regardless of my position I have always been around interior design and designers. What I find really special is when I have the opportunity to work with fellow FACS graduates.



When I find myself working with a new group/individual, I always look for a way to link myself to them or their company in order to build rapport. And recently one of my designers came to me with a need for my company to help support a designer show house that she was a co-chair for. And it didn't take much long to find out that there were soon to be "6 Degrees of Connection!" It all started with **Melinda Heidt** (BSHE '81, Furnishings and Interiors) as the designer co-chair. She, along with the help of **Lori North** (BSHE '89, Furnishings and Interiors), entertained all of the designers' presentations for the show house. Of those presentations, three recent graduates; **Cameron Coxworth** (BSFCS '11, Furnishings and Interiors) and **Katie Shirah** (BSFCS '11, Furnishings and Interiors) as well as **Katie Moorhouse** (BSFCS '11, Furnishings and Interiors) were in the line-up and earned the opportunity to design the spaces in the upstairs landing/hallway and the family room.

Was I surprised when I heard the terrific feedback on our new graduates' presentations; that they were exceptionally innovative, professionally packaged, and completely electronic? No! They are able to generate the utmost professional presentations that set them apart from others.

I was able to witness how some of our more tenured designers mentored the younger graduates in the finishing touches and tweaks to their designs so that they would have the optimal eye-catching and memorable space for the target market. As a vendor supporting the house with product donations, I have been able to have a bird's eye view of the show house coming together.

Together we create "6 Degrees of Connection." It is experiences like this that make me proud to have a FACS degree! I hope that you have the opportunity to connect with a FACS grad soon.

Go Dawgs!

Catherine Stockman

Catherine Hube Stockman, BSFCS '91
President, FACS Alumni Association

Information from a Formal Advisor on Low-income Employees' Financial Behavior." Her major professor was Lance Palmer.

Charlotte Anne Jacobs (BSFCS '12, Family Financial Planning) is employed by Stravolo Wealth Management in Spartanburg, S.C.

Mary Jane Kilcrease Kabaci (PhD '12, Housing and Consumer Economics) is a consultant with the Personal Finance Employee Education Foundation in Washington, D.C. In spring 2012, she earned her doctoral degree. The title of her dissertation is, "Coming to Consensus: A Delphi Study to Identify the Personal Finance Core Concepts and Competencies for Undergraduate College Students, Undergraduate Student Education Loan Recipients, and First-Generation Undergraduate College Students." Her major professor was Brenda Cude.

Boh Young Lee (PhD '12, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2012. The title of her dissertation is, "Early Literary Development in Toddlerhood." Her major professor was Jerry Gale.

Madison Asef Mote (BSFCS '11, Nutrition Science) married Phillip Mote on Aug. 4. They live in Baltimore, Md., where she is enrolled as a master's student in the University of Maryland's nursing program.

Philip Ryan Mulkey (BSFCS '11, Family Financial Planning) is a client service specialist at SunTrust Bank in Dunwoody, Ga.

Elizabeth Raines Pilcher (MS '11, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) is a customer service ambassador for Chanel in Houston, Texas.

Kathryn Nicole Porter (MS '09, Foods and Nutrition; PhD '12, Foods and Nutrition) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2012. The title of her thesis is, "Obesity and Its Relationship with Eating Behaviors, Mental Health, and Dietary Intake in Congregate Meal Participants." Her major professor was Mary Ann Johnson.

Jessica Price (BSFCS '10, Fashion Merchandising) is an associate accounts manager with NDN, a digital media company in Atlanta.

Amanda Rivers (BSFCS '12, Consumer Journalism) is a conference sales manager with Hilton Hotels & Resorts in Washington, D.C.

Jessica Drew Schwartz (MS '12, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) earned her master's degree in spring 2012. The title of her thesis is, "Curatorial Practices in Museums Housing Fashion and Dress Collections in

the United States and the United Kingdom." Her major professor was José Blanco.

Olivia Kathleen Seaver (PhD '11, Foods and Nutrition) earned her doctoral degree in fall 2011. The title of her dissertation is, "Community-Academic Partnerships: Can After-School and School-Based Programs Improve Dietary and Physical Activity Behaviors of Youth in Georgia?" Her major professor was Rebecca M. Mullis.

Martin Craig Seay (PhD '12, Housing and Consumer Economics) earned his doctoral degree in spring 2012. The title of his dissertation is, "Direct Household Investment in Residential Rental Real Estate during the 2000s." His major professor was Lance Palmer.

Nathan Kyle Shannon (BSFCS '10, Consumer Economics) is an asset manager with the Athens Land Trust.

Benjamin Sisc (MS '12, Foods and Nutrition) earned his master's degree in spring 2012. The title of his thesis is, "25-hydroxyvitamin D is not associated with BMI or HgbA1c in Black and White Octogenarians and Centenarians." His major professor was Dorothy Hausman.

Latrina Marie Slater (PhD '11, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in fall 2011. The title of her dissertation is, "Exploring Fidelity: What Makes Families Respond to Prevention Programs?" Her major professor was David Wright.

Emily Lamb Smith (MS '12, Child and Family Development) earned her master's degree in spring 2012. The title of her thesis is, "Identifying Mediators in the Relationship between Family of Origin Hostility and Experiences of Sexual Coercion." Her major professor was Leslie Gordon Simons.

Doneshia Patrice Starling (MS '12, Housing and Consumer Economics) earned her master's degree in spring 2012. The title of her thesis is, "Older Adults and New Orleans: Mobility and Place Attachment after Hurricane Katrina." Her major professor was Velma Zahirovic-Herbert.

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We meet four times a year at some of Atlanta's hippest and most innovative showrooms and show houses. Come experience a behind-the-scenes look at design industry leaders and network with FACS alumni and students majoring in furnishings and interiors.

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Tara Elizabeth Sutton (MS '12, Child and Family Development) earned her master's degree in spring 2012. The title of her thesis is, "The Intergenerational Transmission of Violence: Examining the Mediating Roles of Attachment and Destructive Disagreement Beliefs." Her major professor was Leslie Gordon Simons.

Sara Brooke Toluba (MS '12, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) earned her master's degree in spring 2012. The title of her thesis is, "The Appearance of Michelle Obama: An Analysis of the First Lady's Exposure in Magazines, from January 2008 to December 2009." Her major professor was José Blanco

Christine Cindy Tsoi (BSFCS '10, Fashion Merchandising) is a creative recruiter for Dawson Creative in Columbus, Ohio, which connects clients with creative talent in all areas of design, retail, communications and advertising.

Jennifer Regan Wilson (BSFCS '07, Fashion Merchandising; MS '10, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) is a freelance stylist and makeup artist in Savannah.

Christian Stephen Wright (MS '12, Food and Nutrition) earned his master's degree in spring 2012. The title of his thesis is, "Vitamin D Supplementation and Muscle Responses in Early Pubertal Adolescents." His major professor was Richard D. Lewis.

Jacob Wright (BSFCS '12, Housing) is a leasing consultant with AMLI Old 4th Ward apartments in Atlanta.

Lisa Zak-Hunter (PhD '12, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in spring 2012. The title of her dissertation is, "The Relationship Between Perceived Partner Behaviors and Eating Disorder Symptomology." Her major professor was Lee Johnson. Lisa and her husband, Rob, are the parents of a daughter, Ariel Jane, born March 15.



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FACULTY & STAFF

Swarn Chatterjee (Assistant Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) received the 2012 Outstanding Conference paper at the Association for Financial Counseling, Planning and Education Conference for the paper titled, "Debt Burden of Young Adults in the United States," co-authored with Jinhee Kim and Jung-eun Kim of the University of Maryland.

Brenda Cude (Professor, Undergraduate Coordinator, Housing and Consumer Economics) received the Outstanding Alumni Award at the 2012 Chancellor's Alumni Awards Luncheon at the University of Tennessee at Martin on Aug. 25.

Lauren Braucher Douglas (Older Toddler Lead Teacher, Child Development Lab at the McPhaul Center) married Will Douglas on Aug. 11.

Corrinne Gilbertson (Pre-K Teacher, Child Development Lab at the McPhaul Center) and her husband, Scott, are the parents of twin girls, Lilah Margaret and Olivia Bird, born July 11.

Jennifer Gonyea (Lecturer, Human Development and Family Science) was elected president of the Georgia division of the American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

Anne Sweaney (Department Head, Housing and Consumer Economics) has been named the 2012 recipient of the Blue Key National Honor Society Service Award. She will be recognized at the annual Blue Key banquet in November.

STUDENTS

Morgan Allan Stinson (PhD Student, Human Development and Family Science) and his wife, Emily, are the parents of a daughter, Nora, born Feb. 14.

Allen Weas Barton (PhD Student, Human Development and Family Science) and his wife, Iulia, are the parents of a son, Julian Michael, born March 18.

Peter Geckeler (Senior, Family Financial Planning and Finance) is president of the UGA Blue Key Honor Society. ■



If you have news and information for FACS Facts send it to Susan Byus, Director of Alumni Relations and Student Leadership, at sbyus@uga.edu or call her at 706-542-3386.

For the latest information on all alumni events, please see our calendar at www.fcs.uga.edu/alumni/calendar.

LET'S TALK

Long ago, someone asked me what I liked about being a newspaper reporter.

"I get to ask anyone, anywhere, any question that I want and after I get answers to those questions, I get to share that information with thousands of people every day," I said. "It's like being a teacher, but I get to teach about all kinds of things, not just one subject." As director of communications for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences I've spent the past 15 years listening to the stories of students, faculty and alumni and sharing them, primarily through FACS Magazine.

Unfortunately, when you're reading these stories, it can be like visiting an old uncle at a family reunion. He regales you with wonderful stories, but there's no opportunity for you to contribute your own thoughts, observations or opinions. As soon as he finishes one story he launches into another. There's no give-and-take.

Beginning with this issue of FACS Magazine, I want to hear from you and to share your thoughts with your fellow alumni and FACS friends. What did a story mean to you? Have you had a similar experience? Are you reminded of your days in Dawson Hall?

But don't stop there. Did you hate the story? Were there key messages that were missing? Are there stories we should be writing about? What are the big issues in your life that we could address by drawing on our college's research, outreach and teaching expertise?

My dream is for these letters to provide additional insight on previously published stories to FACS Magazine readers and to serve as a starting point for future stories.

So let's talk. Send your comments, thoughts and ideas to me at dhorton@uga.edu, or call me at 706-542-8014, or post a note on our Facebook page UGA FACS Alumni. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

Denise Horton
Editor



Mark your calendars!

FACS Alumni Awards 36th ANNUAL

Plan to join fellow alumni, faculty and students to celebrate the accomplishments of our FACS alumni community.
Saturday, February 16, 2013, Noon
UGA Center for Continuing Education

**Updates,
News, Events
and More!**

Email is a timely way for the college to communicate updates, news and events with our alumni and friends. We're purposeful with our messages and don't abuse the privilege this communication tool provides.

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We look forward to hearing from you!

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IN MEMORIAM

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In Research

Thanks to the generosity of donors, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences offers multiple paths to engage undergraduate and graduate students in research in both social science and bench science settings. Students who participate in these programs increase their knowledge by applying their coursework to research projects, enhancing their opportunities both in the job markets and in graduate school admissions.

This year, two new funds have been established. The **Betsy Burton Fowler Undergraduate Research Award** will help FACS students pursue research projects while the **Sharon Price and David Coker Excellence in Research Award** will support the research of doctoral students in the Department of Human Development and Family Science:

Other research funds in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences include:

- Endsley-Peifer Student Research Award
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- McPhaul Child and Family Development Center Research Fund
- Flatt Outstanding Research, Extension and Teaching Award
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For more information on how you can support student and faculty research, please contact Victoria Prevatt.



Victoria Prevatt is Director of Development for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. For more information on how to give a current or deferred gift, please contact Victoria at 706-542-4946, by email at vprevatt@uga.edu, or write to her at FACS, 224 Dawson Hall, UGA, Athens, GA 30602.



Want to really watch our students shine?

Mark your calendar!

The UGA Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities Symposium will be held on **Monday, April 1, 2013**

With Sweaney... The Sky Is Not The Limit



Let's Celebrate!

The University of Georgia's College of Family and Consumer Sciences cordially invites alumni and friends to a Retirement Dessert Reception to Honor

Dr. Anne Sweaney

Department Head of Housing and Consumer Economics

Friday, December 7th 2012

3pm – 5pm

Butts-Mehre Multi-Purpose Room

1 Selig Circle

Athens, GA 30602

— RSVP REQUIRED —
RSVP by Monday, November 26th to:
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Dr. Anne Sweaney has made lasting contributions to the innovative programs offered in the department of Housing and Consumer Economics, the college and the university throughout her many years of service. The Anne L. Sweaney Innovation Fund, established in honor of Sweaney upon her retirement will provide a source of perpetual support for the college's programmatic needs that reflect Sweaney's vision for creativity, new programs and new ways of learning. This fund will magnify Sweaney's legacy and provide a lasting positive impact on students, faculty, alumni and friends.

For information on how to contribute to the Sweaney Innovation Fund, please contact Victoria Prevatt, Director of Development, at 706-542-4946 or vprevatt@uga.edu.



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GAFCS-AAFCS Get Involved!

Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

February 26, 2013

FACS Day at the Capitol—Join students and professionals as we meet our state representatives and senators; learn about pending legislation that is important to Georgia consumers and families; participate in the reading of House and Senate resolutions honoring the FACS profession; and meet this year's Legislative Aides.

April 18-20, 2013

GAFCS Annual Conference—Join GAFCS President **Connie Rash**, who also serves as director of the FACS Office of Student Services, for two days of professional development. “Embracing and Managing Change Through Family and Consumer Sciences,” is the theme for the conference. For more information visit www.gafcs.org.



American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Student Unit

Chaired by consumer journalism major **Brittany Trotter**, the AAFCS Student Unit provides a way for college students to network with family and consumer sciences professionals. To learn more about the Student Unit and their plans for the coming year, visit www.aafcs.org/Membership/Students.asp.



The American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences, the accrediting organization for colleges of family and consumer sciences across the nation, has joined with nine related organizations to enhance the visibility of the field. Among the organizations that are now affiliated with AAFCS are the Council of Administrators of Family and Consumer Sciences, the U.S. Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture, the International Federation for Home Economics, and the National Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences.



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