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Good to Great—Are We There Yet?

One of the most popular books in the realm of business management in recent years is Jim Collins’ Good to Great. The book presents an analysis of the performance over a period of 40 years by 1,435 companies. All were judged to be “good” as measured by economic and management indicators, but only 11 made the transition from “good-to-great.” Collins’ book describes the characteristics of those “great” companies. As the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, along with the entire University of Georgia, “goes public” with our major fund-raising campaign Archway to Excellence, I’ve been thinking about how we can move the College from good to great.

What does it take to move from good to great? A key element is what Collins’ described as “The Flywheel Effect,” wherein sustained steady effort creates the momentum to generate superior results. There was no “miracle moment,” but rather “a pragmatic, committed-to-excellence process” that kept the leaders and personnel in the great companies on track for the long haul. Among the College’s indicators of our continuous progress are enrollment growth, student achievement and satisfaction, increased grant funding and new audiences reached. In this issue, there is news about some of our achievements.

Another key observation from Good to Great is that great companies have a passion that drives their “economic engines.” The authors called this the “Hedgehog Concept.” The “Hedgehog Concept” is manifested in our College’s commitment to the land-grant university mission as applied to issues affecting families, consumers and communities. Our passion is summed up in the College slogan: “Knowledge for Real Life.” The relevance of our academic programs, research and public service is what drives the FACS “engine.”

What’s next? The key is to preserve core values and purpose while endlessly adapting to change. Our feature story on 101-year-old alumna Ella Nuite’s visit to the campus may prompt you to reflect on the enduring values of home economics. But as Miss Ella said to me when we met, “You have to keep changing with the times, and home economics (I mean, family and consumer sciences) certainly knows how to do that.”

Today, institutions of higher education depend on support from alumni and friends, as well as the private sector, to accelerate progress toward greatness. FACS is indeed fortunate to have such benefactors. The College reached our initial financial goal in the Archway to Excellence campaign before the public kick-off! Thank you, loyal and early donors!

We will be setting a new goal, because it is clear we can achieve more. The big campaign goals are listed on page 7. The feature story on our FACS Campaign Steering Committee provides insight into the dedication typical of FACS alumni and friends. We are grateful for their leadership. Katrina Bowers, director of development, and I will continue working closely with the committee throughout the Archway to Excellence campaign.

Are we there yet? In my view, going from good to great is a journey. We’re not there yet, but we are well on our way. Please join us by giving all you possibly can to assure that progress continues. The journey itself will be rewarding and the goals are achievable!

Sharon Y. Nickels, Dean

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A Golden Gift

New Scholarship Honors 50 Years of Marriage

Marian Chesnut McCullers (BSHE ’46, Housing and Consumer Economics) can’t remember when FACS wasn’t a large part of her life. “Growing up in Chamblee my sister-in-law Rebecca Smith taught home economics at the high school,” she recalls. “I admired her greatly and she persuaded me to attend UGA and major in the field that served me well for my entire career.”

The decades of home economics connections have been one of Marian’s largest networks. “I cherish my interactions from the years of involvement I’ve had in the FACS Alumni Association,” she says. “Some of my dearest friends are from the FACS profession and more specifically, from my involvement with FACS alumni.”

At age 33, Wilton “Butch” McCullers’ mother thought he was a confirmed bachelor. But meeting Marian on a blind date when he was home from his military service changed this status. Butch and Marian recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. To honor her, Butch made the Marian Chesnut McCullers Scholarship a reality for the coming fall term. What a special anniversary gift!

The McCullers have been supportive of our College for years. In 1983, they created a pooled income fund designating FACS as the beneficiary upon their deaths. They earned income from this fund annually. Twenty-two years later they both realized that they would rather witness their gift at work during their lifetimes. With the help of the UGA Office of Development, they converted the pooled income fund into a current gift. Butch then added the necessary amount to fully endow a scholarship in his wife’s honor.

“We are both excited about meeting the first Marian Chesnut McCullers Scholarship recipient!” Marian says. “The timing was perfect for us to make this decision and this investment in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. We are proud to be a major donor in the Archway to Excellence campaign.”

The McCullers have listed the criteria of the scholarship to be for either a graduate or an undergraduate student in our College with a preference given to students in the Housing and Consumer Economics Department. They also want to help students with financial need. “We recognize that the costs associated with education continue to rise and we want to reward those who are deserving of a college education but may be inhibited because of limited financial resources,” Marian explains.

Thank you Butch and Marian! We are so proud to be the stewards of your generosity!

Katrina L. Bowers is Director of Development and Alumni Relations for the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. For more information on how to give a current or deferred gift, please contact Katrina at (706) 542-4946, by email at kbowers@fcs.uga.edu, or write to her at FACS, 224 Dawson Hall, UGA, Athens, GA 30602.
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Making Families Stronger

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Hardin Named Georgia Power Professor

Ian Hardin (Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has been named to the Georgia Power Company Professorship in Textile Sciences.

Hardin, an expert in the use of enzymes as substitutes for conventional chemical processing as well as in the development of enzymes for unique treatments of fibers and fabrics, served as department head for more than 10 years before returning to the faculty in 2004. Prior to joining UGA he served on the faculty of Auburn University for 22 years.

“Dr. Hardin is an exemplary researcher, who is both meticulous and inquisitive,” according to Dean Sharon Y. Nickols, who nominated Hardin for the position.

Hardin said he plans to continue his research in areas such as exploring the causes of aquatic toxicity as it relates to the effluents from textile mills.

“It is easy to demonstrate these problems, but determining unequivocally what causes them is very difficult,” he said. “What we’ve discovered is that if you look only at the impact of individual substances, they can be rather small, but if you look at what happens when you put certain substances together, the interactions can be an order of magnitude greater in terms of toxicity. This work helps both industry and the public by providing information that can solve rather than delay a problem.”

Hardin will continue to teach undergraduate and graduate classes. The professorship was created through a gift from the Georgia Power Co. in 2000.

‘Lil’ Red’ Teaches Kids About Nutrition

Caree Jackson (MS ’04, Foods and Nutrition; Ph.D. Student, Foods and Nutrition) has received a $35,000 grant from the Atlanta Falcons Youth Foundation to present “Lil’ Red Ridin’ Thru Da ’Hood” to several Atlanta area elementary schools in the fall. She also received the first place award at the 2005 National Black Graduate Student Conference in the category of education paper/presentation for her research on nutrition theater for African-American children. “Lil’ Red” was written by Jackson as a part of her master’s thesis.

The play uses live theater, hip-hop music, dance steps and audience participation to teach important lessons about nutrition and exercise and is performed by members of the UGA Black Theatrical Ensemble. As a part of her research, Jackson has determined that the play is an effective way to educate children about nutrition.

She will present her research this summer at the Hawaii International Conference on Social Sciences for which Jackson received a Graduate School Travel Award. She also received a scholarship this year from the Northeast Georgia Dietetic Association. As she begins her doctoral studies, Jackson is developing plans to teach nutrition education to adolescents by helping them develop their own skits.
**Hill Fellow, Award Winner**

**Elizabeth Andress** (Professor, Foods and Nutrition) has been named this year’s Walter Barnard Hill Distinguished Public Service Fellow, while **Jorge Atiles** (Associate Dean, Outreach and Extension) has been named a Hill Award winner.

The awards are named in honor of Chancellor Walter B. Hill, who led UGA from 1899 until his death in 1905. Hill prized the idea that the university should reach out to the state and devise ways to apply university-generated knowledge to its problems and challenges.

Andress, who received a Hill Award in 2001, is director of the USDA-funded National Center for Home Food Processing and Preservation. In naming her the Hill Fellow, Andress was recognized for a broad range of work in the area of food safety, including creating a website based on applied research that has “extended the reach of her expertise far beyond the scope of her well-respected printed educational materials, in-service teaching and workshops.”

In addition to her work with the center, Andress has additional programs that emphasize reducing the risk of food-borne illness by increasing the adoption of safe food handling practices both by consumers and food service employees in institutions, agencies and restaurants.

Atiles, who is an associate professor and Extension housing specialist in the Housing and Consumer Economics Department, also has the responsibility for Latino program development in Extension.

In being named a Hill Award winner, Atiles was recognized for his commitment to the land-grant university mission through his innovative contributions to educating the public about housing and indoor air quality and through his leadership in developing programs that reach the Latino and Hispanic population of Georgia.

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**Legislative Aide Program Endowed**

A generous donation from **Edna Ellard**, wife of the late **Glenn Wilson “Jack” Ellard**, has allowed for the endowment of the Legislative Aide Program.

To celebrate, Mrs. Ellard and more than 30 friends and family joined FACS students, faculty and state legislators at this year’s FACS Day at the Capitol in February.

Ellard was clerk of the Georgia House of Representatives for 33 years, serving as custodian of all bills, resolutions, records and other official documents of the state House. Speakers included state Rep. Jane Kidd (D-Athens) whose father, the late Gov. Ernest Vandiver, originally appointed Ellard as clerk. Also speaking were, Cathy Cox, Georgia secretary of state, and Roy Lambert, a former representative and senator in the Georgia General Assembly.

The endowment, which enhances a previous endowment from the estate of Dr. Jessie Mize, a long-time FACS faculty member, provides funding for stipends to students chosen as legislative aides. These students live in Atlanta during each year’s Georgia General Assembly, serving as aides to legislators from Athens area districts and the Women’s Caucus. In addition to the experiences they gain working with legislators, the students also receive three hours of course credit.

The Legislative Aide Program began 22 years ago as a way to provide students the opportunity to learn about the development of public policy.
Editor’s Note: On April 14, 2005, the University of Georgia officially launched the public phase of “Archway to Excellence,” a fundraising campaign with a goal of raising $500 million. Already nearly $300 million have been raised during the quiet phase of the campaign.

A few days later newspapers announced that the University System Board of Regents had instructed UGA President Michael Adams to sever ties with the UGA Foundation, the nonprofit organization responsible for managing donations to the university, as a result of ongoing disputes.

The 11 members of the FACS Campaign Committee are enthusiastic about their efforts to help the college meet its fund-raising goals. Through emails, faxes and telephone interviews, they have expressed their thoughts on why they agreed to invest their time and energy, in addition to their financial contributions, to support the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

“My connections to home economics and family and consumer sciences date back to high school when I was a Future Homemakers of America officer and very involved in 4-H. I chose home economics journalism as my major with hopes of being a food editor. While taking courses in nutrition, because I wanted to know how food worked in the body, I decided to change my focus and major in nutrition science. My senior year, I chose to go to pharmacy school where I could combine nutrition and medicine. It turned out to be the perfect fit.

“A few years ago, Katrina Little Bowers, a great friend and former roommate, called to invite me to a Relax with FACS retreat. It was like coming home again. I had so much fun and realized how much I had missed the company of FACS alums. They were still the movers and shakers in their communities and in the state. Like the FACS degree, they were diverse, but talented in many different areas. They handled the household finances, were great mothers, had wonderful professional careers, were secure in saying they loved to cook, knew how to dress, were polished in business and social etiquette, and they were caring, compassionate and interesting people.

“When I was asked to serve on the Campaign Committee I agreed because I believe strongly in the FACS school and what it has to offer young professionals. The curriculum goes far beyond professional skills, but teaches life skills that EVERYONE needs to know. I want today’s students and future students to have the same opportunities that I had.”

— Edie Edwards Smith (BSHE ’84, Nutrition Science), Pharmacist

“During my time as a student of FACS I had the pleasure to meet some of the most positive and influential people I know. When asked to serve on the committee by one of those people, I not only thought it an honor but would never decline to help the College I’ve grown to love.”

— Gene Toodle (BSFCS ’98, Consumer Economics) Executive Sales Representative, NFL Officeworks
“I got involved in the campaign because I realize the demand for our programs, evidenced by the phenomenal growth in our College, continues to increase. I wanted to do my part to be sure there is adequate funding for this growth well into the future. It’s been a way for me to “give back” with my time and effort to serve in this capacity. The diversity of programs within our College is a blessing but that diversity comes with a need/calling for alums to be even more active in recruiting, assisting the dean’s office and development. It’s my privilege to serve on the committee as we are already experiencing the excitement of reaching our initial goal!”

— Kelly McGill Dean (BSFCS ’89, Fashion Merchandising; MS ’91, Clothing, Textiles and Interiors) Vice President of Operations, Scofield Timber Company, Inc.

“What is a College of Ag. grad. so excited to be a part of the Campaign Committee for FACS? I’ll tell you why. The College of Family and Consumer Sciences makes a difference every day in the lives of practically all Georgians. We improve their health, their family life, financial well-being and housing. I can’t think of any organization that does this much, this well. I feel very fortunate that Dean Nickols allowed me to join our great team.”

— Tom Rodgers (Professor Emeritus, Housing and Consumer Economics)
“Sally (BSHE ’65, Home Economics Education) and I are committed to the University of Georgia and have admired it from a distance and through our two sons, who also are UGA graduates. Several years ago Dean Nickols invited us to a FACS event with some of her students and we were very impressed. Dean Nickols, her staff and faculty were so enthusiastic and personally involved with the students, and the students were so motivated and positive. We decided to try to get involved and help the program any way we could. Thankfully, we were asked to serve on the Archway to Excellence campaign.

“There are many reasons for me to support the university in general, but I want to give my time, money and influence to the College of Family and Consumer Sciences specifically. Simply said, ‘It just makes us happy’ to support the students, faculty and staff because we believe they are doing an excellent job. We observe their students to be highly motivated and very pleased with their academic programs. Plus, the College has an active international study program in which many students enthusiastically participate.

“Because my business background included being a construction equipment dealer for a Japanese manufacturer, I really support students having a global view. To assist them in this area Sally and I established a scholarship for international studies.

“Finally, I feel compelled to encourage all who read this to stand strongly behind this great university and especially this excellent college of FACS. This could be the best college in the whole university. Where student academic and personal development is producing tremendous results. It is a joyful thing to be a small part of their support.”

— Alan Stith, Associate Minister, Southwest Christian Church

“Little did I know when I came to the University of Georgia in 1981 to work on a Southern Regional Housing Research Project that 24 years later I would still be in Dawson Hall (still having as much fun as that first year).

My journey through the academic ranks has been personally rewarding. I was hired as a part-time temporary assistant professor then assistant professor, was promoted to associate professor and then professor and just this year became department head. Along the way I became involved in university governance and was named a Josiah Meigs Teacher of Excellence.

“My greatest memories of my years in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences center around the students and faculty I have come to know. I have been so fortunate to have been a part of their academic and personal development.”

— Bonnie Petersen (BSHE ’79, Consumer Economics and Home Management/Home Economics Education) Director of Insurance Services for Balser Companies
Goals for the College of Family & Consumer Sciences
Archway to Excellence Campaign

Attracting Talented Students
- Graduate and Undergraduate Scholarships $25,000
- Study Abroad Endowed Funds $12,000
- Undergraduate Research Grant Support Funds $10,000
- Student Leadership Development Funds $100,000

Enhancing Quality Faculty
- Named Professorships $250,000-$500,000
- Endowed Chairs $1 million
- Visiting Scholars $100,000

Strong Public Service/Outreach Programs
- Center for Prevention of Obesity $1.5 million
- Historic Costume Collection $1 million
- Housing and Demographics Research Center $1 million
- Financial Literacy Education $1.2 million

Building the New Learning Environment
- New Addition to Dawson Hall $30 million

Innovation for the Future/Current Support
- Deferred gifts various amounts
- Presidents Club annual gift $1,000

“As I think back on the experiences that inspired my career I recall wanting to be a ‘homemaking’ teacher just like Mrs. Elizabeth McFall, who taught home economics in my high school. I even remember visiting Dawson Hall as a high school student participating in Future Homemakers of America. My parents supported my interest, but UGA was just too big (10,000 students) so I enrolled at North Georgia College for two years before coming to UGA.

“The UGA experience was great. I lived next door in Soule Hall and met wonderful friends, my husband Ray being one of them. I was not the best student, however. In fact, a friend and I worried whether our diplomas would be there as we marched across Sanford Stadium on graduation day – but they were!

“I taught high school at Monroe High for several years before taking a break while my two children were babies. I returned to the job market as an Extension agent in Albany. Went from there to Gwinnett County and finally retired after my last position with Fulton County Extension. All the stops had such wonderful people and experiences. And, in some part, all of those opportunities came about because of my degree from UGA-College of Home Economics.

“Participating on

— Anne Sweaney, Professor and Department Head, Housing and Consumer Economics

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When Ella Clarke Nuite was a University of Georgia student, there were about 1,500 male students and only about 125 females.

Creswell and Myers weren’t dormitories—they were people.

The residents of Soule Hall could take a dip in the basement swimming pool, and after “lights out” at 11 p.m., students who wanted to study had to do so in the bathrooms.

Nuite, who graduated in 1927, visited her alma mater in February, just a few days before her 101st birthday, with two of her daughters—Furman grad Irene Lofton and fellow UGA alumna Charlotte Kitchen.

“It’s a changed world,” said Nuite, who graduated in the second class of women to attend four years of courses at UGA. The university first admitted undergraduate women in 1918, but the first classes of women had already taken college classes at other institutions like the State Normal School, a teaching college on the grounds of what is now the U.S. Navy Supply Corps School on Prince Avenue.

Nuite majored in home economics, a department she learned has grown into the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

“That’s what they call it now?” she asked, as she shared her memories with Dean Sharon Nickols.

Nuite was one of four children, three of whom attended and met their future spouses at UGA.

“My father called Georgia the matrimonial bureau,” she said.

Mementos in Nuite’s scrapbook include the 1926 football schedule, notes from friends about “the lovely times when we went to forestry square dances,” and a newspaper article describing the 264-member graduating class of 1927 as “one of the largest classes in the history of the institution.”

Nuite learned sewing from Mary Creswell, the first woman to earn an undergraduate degree at UGA. Creswell later served as head of the home economics program and is considered the first dean of the College. Creswell’s sister, Edith, did administrative work and a high-rise dormitory now bears their surname.
Jennie Beth Myers, after whom Myers Hall is named, served as house mother of Nuite’s dormitory—Soule Hall.

Kitchen lived in Myers and Creswell dorms before she graduated in 1967.

During their visit, Nuite and her daughters toured both Soule and Myers halls.

Nuite, who lives by herself near Hephzibah, still tends a garden and keeps goats. She also maintains some control of the Windsor Spring bottled water company, named after a spring on her property. After inheriting the business from her mother in 1961, Nuite managed Windsor Springs on her own until she was 80 years old and a grandson became involved. She also is landlord of nine homes she has purchased and renovated over the years.

“She always has something to see about,” Kitchen said. “She is very independent, very strong-willed.”

In fact, Nuite was honored in October as America’s oldest worker by Experience Works, a nonprofit organization that offers training, employment and community service opportunities for mature workers. The recognition included a trip for Nuite and Kitchen to Washington, D.C., where Nuite spoke to those attending the organization’s convention.

Nuite swears by three balanced meals a day, starting with a hot breakfast. When she broke her leg at 95 and had to have a steel pin put in it, Kitchen said doctors thought she would never walk again. She was up and about six weeks later.

While visiting with Rick Lewis, professor of foods and nutrition, Nuite underwent a bone scan. While Lewis said there are no records to determine what the bones of a centenarian “should” look like, he said Nuite has the bones of a woman in her mid-60s.

The visit showcased some of the many advances Nuite has seen in her 101 years.

“I’m living in a changed world than what I grew up in,” she said. “I was born in the horse and buggy days, and I’ve lived to see the outer space days.”
A group of African-American parents are sitting around a Milledgeville recreation center, talking about their children.

“I just want him to do his best,” says a father of his son. “His best is good enough for me.” The group nods in agreement. Then someone asks about their fears.

They call out a chorus of concerns about their children: Hanging with the wrong crowd; drinking and doing drugs; getting pregnant; dropping out of school; getting in trouble with the law.

In another room, their children are talking about their dreams. “I want to be a singer,” says one. “A teacher. A professional athlete. A doctor or a lawyer,” say the others.

Their parents may not know what’s on their minds tonight, but seven weeks from now, after they’ve completed the Strong African American Families (SAAF) program, these 11-year-olds and their parents will have discussed a number of issues relevant to growing up African American in rural Georgia.

The Strong African American Families program was developed by two UGA researchers in the Department of Child and Family Development, Gene H. Brody and Velma McBride Murry, who have been studying rural African-American families for more than a decade. Their research examines what families and communities can do to help children succeed. Two 10-year longitudinal studies laid the foundation for the development of SAAF, and now the effectiveness of the program has been tested with more than 700 families.

“We’ve been able to identify what makes a difference in children’s lives,” Murry explains, “because we ask questions about what’s working.”

The families Brody and Murry study live in small towns across Georgia where poverty rates are among the highest in the nation and unemployment rates are above the national average.

These rural communities are witnessing a rapid increase in early sexual activity and alcohol/drug use among African-American youth. Pre-teens who take these risks are more likely to have an assortment of problems later, including school dropout and involvement with the criminal justice system. They are also more likely to contract HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

African-American families can’t afford for their children to go down that path, not when the typical black family has only 58 percent as much income as a white family, the black unemployment rate is more than double the white rate and one out of three African-American males born in 2001 will likely be imprisoned at some point in his lifetime.

“It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to find out why things go wrong,” Brody insists. “But we are trying to develop models of what promotes competence. We ask ourselves why some kids do well in school, have good family and peer relationships and are free from behavioral and emotional problems even though they live in difficult situations.”

Tracy Ellington and her two children live in Baldwin County, where the dropout rate for African Americans is 7.3 percent, well above the national median of 4.2. Her daughter Kiambre, 11, is a good student, but her son Kendal, 14, struggles to stay on track. His behavior at home isn’t a problem, but at school he acts the clown, disrupts class and doesn’t turn in his homework. Last year he was suspended twice. She tells him, “If you don’t do it at home, don’t do it at school. Be respectful to me and to the school.” But she sees the crowd he hangs with wearing the colors, clothes and jewelry of local gangs, and she worries.

A longer version of this story first appeared in Georgia Magazine.
Back when Kendal was in fifth grade, Ellington signed the two of them up for SAAF—and she believes it helped them both. The main lesson that she recalls from SAAF is the importance of keeping up with her kids, knowing where they are and with whom they are spending their time.

Two years after completing SAAF, Ellington continues to apply the lessons she learned there to her family. She thinks it’s working because Kendal still talks to her about things that bother him, like how hard it is to stay out of trouble when his friends laugh at his antics.

Brody and Murry’s research shows that parents who monitor their children’s activities outside the home, get involved at their schools and have frequent family discussions raise children who are better able to cope with life’s challenges. Those parents also feel good about themselves and their childrearing abilities—a positive consequence of success that keeps the ball rolling in the right direction.

This research is coordinated at the Center for Family Research, a center of excellence within UGA’s Institute for Behavioral Research in Athens. Cultural sensitivity is a hallmark of the research conducted at the center. The questionnaires, educational materials and group activities used in the prevention programs are developed in consultation with members of the African-American communities where the research is being conducted. Interviewers and group leaders are always African American so that participants will feel as comfortable as possible when discussing their personal lives.

The researchers have been recognized by their colleagues for their research. Most recently, Murry received a Creative Research Medal, which is awarded annually in recognition of outstanding accomplishment for a research project or creative activity with a single coherent theme. In 2004, Brody was named a Regents Professor, an honor bestowed by the University System Board of Regents on truly distinguished faculty of the University of Georgia whose scholarship or creative activity is recognized both nationally and internationally as innovative and pace setting.
By Suzanne Griffeth
Director of Alumni Relations

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!

1940s

Dorothy McClain Duncan (BSHE ’44, Home Economics Education) has retired after 41 years of teaching home economics.

1970s

Anne Byrn (BSHE ’78, Home Economics and Journalism), author of The Cake Mix Doctor and Cupcakes From the Cake Mix Doctor, was recently featured in Newsweek magazine for her tips on making homemade frosting and turning cake mix into cupcakes.

Carol Jacobson Fuller (BSHE ’74, Early Childhood Education) has retired after 30 years with the Richmond County School System.

Marie LeCroy Garaventa (BSHE ’77, Home Economics Education; MEd ’78, Home Economics Education) is a staffing consultant in Connecticut.

Lynn Graham Hammond (BSHE ’73, Home Economics Education; MEd ’78, Home Economics Education; EdS ’84, Home Economics Education) lives in Winder and is retired as principal of Russell Middle School in Barrow County. She currently works as a recruitment/retention specialist for the school system.

1980s

Vickie Austin Brown (BSHE ’80, Home Economics Education) is a family and consumer sciences instructor and FCCLA advisor for Turner County High School. She has a master’s degree and an education specialist’s degree from Albany State University. She has two daughters, Jessica, a junior at UGA, and Ashley, a freshman at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Anna Lott Cothern (BSHE ’87, Child and Family Development) and her husband, David, are the parents of a son, Brady Cothern, born Sept. 23, 2003.

Bethany Rosenfield Diamond (BSHE ’81, Fashion Merchandising) founded the Ovarian Cycle Inc., which raises money to fund diagnosis and treatment for ovarian cancer. She raised $75,000 in 2004, the foundation’s first year.

Tammy Tate Gilland (BSHE ’88, Home Economics and Journalism) founded the 2005 Athena Award from the Athens Area Chamber of Commerce. The Athena Award recognizes community service, leadership and contributions to the advancement of women and the community.

Cathy M. Goeddeke-Merrick (BSHE ’89, Dietetics and Institutional Management; MS ’93, Foods and Nutrition) has written a chapter on kidney disease and diabetes for a diabetes textbook and a manuscript for the Journal of Advances in Chronic Kidney Disease.

Michael Kenneth McIntosh (PhD ’87, Foods and Nutrition) has been named a research professor at the University of North Carolina in Greensboro.

Dee Prince (BSHE ’85, Dietetics and Institutional Management) is the owner of Athens Personal Fitness, a personal training facility.
Jennifer Willoughby Richardson (BSHE ’88, Consumer Economics) is the health educator for the Athens Neighborhood Health Center.

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

Angela Green Yarman (BSFCS ’89, Home Economics and Journalism; MS ’91, Consumer Economics) was named the 2004 Ambassador of the Year by the Walton County Chamber of Commerce. She is the owner of Yarman Solutions, an organization management consulting firm. She and her husband Greg, live in Monroe with their two sons, Christopher and Daniel.

1990s

Katy O’Neal Arrowood (BSFCS ’94, Child and Family Development) is the owner of Champions for Children childcare center, which has been named a Center of Distinction by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning. The certificate means that the center is providing exemplary care, according to Marsha Moore, commissioner of the early care and learning department.

David Bender Askew (BSFCS ’93, Housing) and his wife, Melinda, are the parents of a son, David Pender “Pen” Askew Jr., born Dec. 27, 2003.

Timothy David Barrett (BSFCS ’98, Consumer Journalism) is a certified meeting professional with the Convention Industry Council. He has worked as an event manager and meeting planner at the Georgia Center of Continuing Education in Athens for five years.

Elizabeth Chance Brinson (BSFCS ’97, Child and Family Development) married Abeno Patrick Garbin on June 12, 2004, in Snellville. She has earned a master’s degree in early childhood education from Piedmont College and is employed with Gwinnett County Schools at Simonton Elementary.

Becky Wood Carlan (BSFCS ’98, Consumer Economics) and her husband, Tim, announce the birth of a daughter, Timberly Brooke, on Dec. 9. She joins her brother, Ben, age 2. Carlan is employed with John Massey State Farm Insurance.

Diane Wood, degree program specialist in the Office of Student Services, is the grandmother of Brooke and Ben. The family lives in Homer.

Andrea Hill Carvalho (BSFCS ’93, Fashion Merchandising) designs custom handbags, HoBags by Andi. She lives in San Rafael, Calif., with her husband and two sons.

Michelle Toucey Coates (BSFCS ’98, Child and Family Development) and her husband, Damon Coates, live in Lexington, Ky., with their two sons. They own and operate a Mellow Mushroom Pizza Restaurant near the University of Kentucky campus.

Helen Breitmaier Everts (MS ’95, Foods and Nutrition; PhD ’00, Foods and Nutrition) is employed in the biochemistry department of Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn.

Clayton Elwood Mathews (MS ’94, Foods and Nutrition; PhD ’97 Foods and Nutrition) is employed as an assistant professor at the University of Pittsburgh Medical School.

Kimberly Fowler Parente (BSHE ’90, Nutrition Science; MS ’92, Foods and Nutrition) is a pediatrician in Westborough, Mass. Her husband, John Parente, (MS ’91, Foods and Nutrition; PhD ’94, Foods and Nutrition) is a national key account manager for QIAGEN. They have three children, Michael, age six, Austin, age four, and Evan, nine months.

Julie Smith Patrick (BSFCS ’90, Child Development/Mental Retardation; MEd ’95, Early Childhood Education; EdS ’98, Educational Leadership) is an assistant principal with the Madison County School District in Danielsville.

Dr. James Walters inducted into Honor Hall

James Walters, who spent more than 40 years as a leader in the field of child and family development was inducted in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences Honor Hall of Recognition during this spring’s annual alumni meeting.

Prior to joining the faculty of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences in 1974, Walters had served on the faculties of Rutgers University, Oklahoma State University and Florida State University. At the age of 23, he was a regular columnist for The New York Sun focusing on issues involving children and families.

During his tenure at the University of Georgia, Walters received the Osborne Award, presented annually by the National Council on Family Relations for outstanding teaching in family relations and the Josiah Meigs Teaching Award, UGA’s top award for superior teaching.

Walters officially retired in 1989, but continued to serve on graduate student committees for another three years. He is married to Lynda Walters, a professor in Child and Family Development.
James Willis Paul II (BSHE '92, Hotel and Restaurant Administration) was appointed chair of the culinary arts program at the Art Institute of Atlanta. He began teaching at the college in 1999 and is a member of the American Culinary Federation Board of Directors, chapter secretary and a certified culinary educator. He also holds a master of science degree in hospitality management from the University of Wisconsin.

Shannon Ferrell Register (BSFCS '98, Consumer Economics) has earned her teacher certification in special education at Tarleton State University. She is employed as a special education teacher in Texas.

Ayisha Fleming Savage (BSFCS '99, Dietetics) is a healthcare marketing specialist for CYSCO in Atlanta.

Kyle Warner Shadix (BSFCS '94, Consumer Foods) was recently awarded a full scholarship to Le Cordon Bleu Paris by the International Association of Culinary Professionals. He also has been elected to the American Dietetic Association House of Delegates for a two-year term as an at-large delegate.

Amy Hough Simmon (BSED '92, Early Childhood Education; PhD '04, Child and Family Development) is the director of the child and family development program at Southwest Georgia Technical College in Thomasville.

Lee Vaughn (BSFCS '95, Consumer Economics) has been promoted to senior vice president for the Timothy Road branch of Main Street Bank in Athens. He joined Main Street Bank in 2002 and has been in the banking industry for more than nine years.

Allen Wilbanks (BSFCS '94, Consumer Journalism) is making a feature-length horror film titled “Motor Home Massacre.” Information can be found on the website www.motorhomemassacre.com. Much of the film was shot in Atlanta and the surrounding area.

White House Tour

FACS graduates toured the White House holiday decorations, dined at Chef Geoff’s and then toured the Capitol as part of an event organized by Laurie Barton (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development), legislative correspondent to Senator George Voinovich of Ohio. Those participating were Janine Ashe (BSFCS '91, Child and Family Development), Rosemary Blackburn (MS '87, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings), Phillip and Suzanne Griffeth (BSFCS '99, Consumer Economics; FACS Director of Alumni Relations), Rachel and Jason Hamil (BSFCS '93, Child and Family Development), and Sean and Alaina McCullough (BSFCS '01, Family and Consumer Sciences).

Carla Abshire (PhD '04, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in fall 2004. The title of her dissertation is, “Dimensions of Credibility: Juror Perceptions of Children’s Credibility.” Her major professor was Lynda Walters.


Carrie Michelle Atkinson (BSFCS '02, Housing) works as a litigation paralegal for an attorney in Marietta.

Laurie Barton (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) is a legislative correspondent for U.S. Sen. George Voinovich of Ohio covering issues related to his work on the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee.

Caroline Finley Beall (BSFCS '01, Furnishings and Interiors) married Whitney Bryan Brackett on Sept. 18, 2004 at First Presbyterian Church in Lenoir, NC. She is employed by Sheryl Vandermolen Interiors in Charlotte as a project manager and designer.

John Paul Carpenter (BSFCS '00, Dietetics) is director of food and nutrition services at Hilton Head Regional Medical Center in South Carolina.

Whitney Lynn Carter (BSFCS '04, Housing) is a Realtor with Keller Williams in Athens.

Shilesa Chandler (MFCS '04, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master’s degree in fall 2004.

Wesley Collins Forlines (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) is a corporate account manager for CDW in Chicago, a Fortune 500 company that is a technology solutions provider.

Brooke Elizabeth Garrett (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) is a Realtor with Coldwell Banker Realty in Athens.
Dean Sharon Nickols was the guest speaker at the Family and Consumer Sciences Teachers Association annual meeting and awards luncheon on Jan. 28 in Atlanta. More than 60 teachers attended the luncheon including 25 FACS Education alumni.

In Macon, Harrileen Jones Conner (BSHE '83, MEd '91, Home Economics Education) and Anna Mashburn (BSHE '82, MEd '84, Home Economics Education) discuss their purchases at the Macon Marketplace. Macon area alumni gathered on April 23 for a spring marketplace and luncheon organized by Peggy Miller (BSHE '59, Child Development) and Lisa Bryant Walker (BSHE '83, Consumer Economics). FACS alumni showcased their “wares” including flowers, paintings, food products, accessories and cookbooks, while fellow alumni shopped. Following the marketplace, a luncheon was held and Dean Nickols gave a College update.

Brighan Lee Gesch (BSFCS '04, Consumer Foods) is employed with Athens Personal Fitness as a consultant. She is also earning her master’s degree in Foods and Nutrition.

Karen Hill (BSFCS '04, Furnishings and Interiors) is an account representative for F. Schumacher and Co. in Atlanta.

Elizabeth Colleen Hilton (BSFCS '02, Dietetics) is a certified lactation counselor.

Amanda Hubbard (MS '04, Child and Family Development) earned her master’s degree in fall 2004. Her thesis is titled, “Evaluating the Cardiac Camp Experience: Development of the Hubbard Camp Outcome Scale.” Charlotte Wallinga was her major advisor.

Sarah Hurst (BSFCS '04, Consumer Economics) is a civil investigator with the Georgia Governor’s Office of Consumer Affairs.

Caree Jackson (MS '04, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master’s degree in fall 2004. Her thesis is titled, “An Evaluation of the Use of Theater in Nutrition Education for Low-Income African-American Children.” Her major professor was Rebecca Mullis. Jackson is now enrolled as a doctoral student in the Department of Foods and Nutrition.

Megan Janke (PhD '05, Child and Family Development) earned the Behavioral and Social Sciences Award from the Gerontological Society of America for her doctoral dissertation titled, “Selective Optimization and Compensation in Leisure Patterns of Older Adults.” Her major professor was Adam Davey.

Mary Heather Kaney (BSFCS '03, Fashion Merchandising) is the owner of BlueBelle Boutique in Savannah, and was recently featured in Southern Lady magazine.

Emma Laing (MS '00, Foods and Nutrition; PhD '04, Foods and Nutrition) and her husband, Albert, are the parents of Charles Albert Rentius Laing, born Feb. 7, 2005. Laing is a postdoctoral research associate in the FACS Department of Foods and Nutrition.

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Danielle Larkins (MS ’04, Child and Family Development) earned her master’s degree in fall 2004. Her thesis is titled, “An Exploration of Family of Origin and Contextual Influences on African-American Women’s Perception of Men and Their Experience of Romantic Relationships.” Her major professor was Mick Coleman.

Baker Black Leavitt (BSFCS ’01, Consumer Economics) was selected for the 2004-05 class of Leadership Savannah. He is a sales associate with Cora Bett Thomas Realty, LLC, specializing in land, commercial leasing and residential and commercial investment properties. He is a licensed American homeowner educator and counselor and a member of the Historic Savannah Foundation.

Susan Lynn Manown (BSFCS ’02, Consumer Journalism) married Brice Martin Johnston on May 15, 2004 in Dunwoody, Ga. She also completed her MBA degree in May at the University of Alabama.

Alaina Clark McCullough (BSFCS ’01, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) is director of workforce development for the Maryland Hospitality Education Foundation in Columbia. She sells and markets the ProStart Program to county officials, principals and teachers throughout the state of Maryland. She also coordinates and directs fundraising initiatives and coordinated Maryland’s first ProStart Student Invitational Culinary Competition.

Jatun McKenzie (MFCS ’04, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master’s degree in fall 2004.

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

Courtney Michelle Morano (BSFCS ’03, Consumer Economics) is general manager of River Walk town homes in Athens.

Robyn Mowery (PhD ’04, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in fall 2004. Her dissertation is titled, “Understanding Ethical Decision-Making in Marriage and Family Therapy: An Ontological Hermeneutic Analysis.” Her major professor was Jerry Gale.

Stephanie Lynn Nelson (BSFCS ’04, Furnishings and Interiors) is a designer with Signature Interiors, Inc. in Duluth.

Adeline Opoku (MS ’04, Housing and Consumer Economics) earned her master’s degree in fall 2004. Her thesis is titled, “Factors Associated with Community Versus Institutional Long Term Care: Differences by Race and Ethnicity.” Her major professors were Teresa Mauldin and Anne Sweaney.

Marques Tyrone Parks (BSFCS ’04, Consumer Economics) is a financial representative for First Investors Corp. in Atlanta.

Rita Patel (BSFCS ’04, Furnishings and Interiors) is an architectural intern for A Classical Studio for Residential Architecture in Norcross.

Betsy Phillips (BSFCs ’04, Furnishings and Interiors) is a design assistant for Diane Johnson Interiors in Alpharetta.

Norman Pollock (MS ’04, Foods and Nutrition) earned his master’s degree in fall 2004. His thesis is titled, “Retired Collegiate Artistic Gymnasts Retain High Bone Mass.” His major professor was Rick Lewis. Pollock is now enrolled as a doctoral student.

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Nearly 150 Family and Consumer Sciences alumni came “Back to FACS” this year as part of the annual luncheon and program. Participants spent the morning touring Dawson Hall and hearing brief presentations by FACS faculty before traveling up Sanford Street to the UGA Center for Continuing Education.

During the presentation portion of the day, six alumni and supporters of the College were recognized for their contributions, in addition to the induction of Dr. James Walters into the Honor Hall.

William P. Flatt, (Professor Emeritus, Foods and Nutrition) received the FACS Appreciation Award, for his many contributions to the college since joining the faculty after he stepped down as dean of the UGA College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences.

During his tenure as a faculty member, Flatt furthered his research in calorimetry measures in human nutrition and mentored a number of graduate students. He also taught basic human nutrition and continues to be a much sought-after guest lecturer for the course since his retirement.

Flatt and his wife, June, have established three endowments in FACS as well as contributing to the University of Georgia.

Ligaya (Lily) P. Paguio (MHE ’68, Child Development; EdD ’80, Educational Psychology) was awarded the Creswell Award, which recognizes a current or retired faculty or staff member who has provided leadership in motivating and guiding students.

Paguio spent 32 years as a child and family development faculty member. Most recently, she was granted the Rotary International Grant for University Teachers and taught at the University of the Philippines, Department of Human and Family Development Studies in the College of Human Ecology from October 2003 through March 2004.

Tammy Tate Gilland (BSHE ’88, Home Economics and Journalism) was awarded the Outstanding Service Award, which recognizes graduates for continued involvement in their community, faith community, helping organization, the college or the FACS Alumni Association.

Gilland has volunteered with the Junior League of Athens, Women in Business Council, YWCO, Athens-Oconee Junior Woman’s Club, Jeannette Rankin Foundation, Athens-Clarke County Mentor Program, Athens Regional Medical Center Foundation, World of Wonder Playground, NEGA Girls Scouts Council and the East Georgia Chapter of the American Red Cross. She has assumed leadership roles with LEAD Athens and Youth Leadership Athens and has participated as a statewide facilitator for the J.W. Fanning Leadership Institute.

Marilyn L. Poole (BSHE ’75, Home Economics Education; MEd ’87, Adult Education) was awarded the Emily Quinn Pou Professional Achievement Award, which is given to graduates who have attained substantial achievements and are at the midpoint of their career.

Poole is the Northeast District 4-H Program Development Coordinator for 39 counties in Georgia. Prior to her new position, she served as senior public service associate and county extension coordinator for Athens-Clarke County. She also served as the 4-H Agent for Athens-Clarke County, which serves 1,500 students each month in 18 schools.

Millie Coleman (BSHE ’65, Home Economics and Journalism) received the Distinguished Alumni Award, which recognizes a graduate of Family and Consumer Sciences who has made lifelong contributions that sustain the beliefs and values of FACS.

The author of The South’s Legendary Frances Virginia Tea Room Cookbook, Coleman, has also studied radio and TV and received advanced culinary training at the University of Maryland. She has been a spokesperson, home economics director and marketing consultant for food industry groups for 30 years.

Coleman also has contributed to other publications as the food editor for The Senior News, ghost author of Betty Talmadge’s Lovejoy Plantation Cookbook, and contributor to publications such as Flavors magazine.

Darby Thompson Sewell (BSFCS ’00, Family and Consumer Sciences Education; MEd ’01, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) received the Pacesetter Award, which recognizes a graduate from the past 10 years who actively promotes the beliefs and values of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Sewell teaches all 17 of the Family and Consumer Sciences classes offered at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College, also serves as an academic advisor and is the advisor to ABAC’s FACS club.

According to her nomination by a former student, Sewell “is an inspiration to all that cross her path. Mrs. Sewell enters her office every morning with a smile and a presence that reflect the positive attitude that she radiates throughout the day.”
Ann Allen (Undergraduate Advisor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has been selected as the College Advisor of the Year.

Diane Bales (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development) has been promoted to the rank of associate professor and awarded tenure. She also received the Distinguished Extension Award from Gamma Sigma Delta.

Judy Bland (FACS Extension County Agent) has been awarded the Athena Award by the Tift County Chamber of Commerce. The award recognizes outstanding women for their professional careers, leadership and community service. She received her BSHE degree in Clothing and Textiles in 1974.

Peggy Bledsoe (Extension Coordinator, Houston County; FACS Extension Agent, Houston, Taylor, Macon and Peach counties) has received the Thomas F. Rodgers Outreach Agent Award. She has been a FACS agent for 27 years and has received national and state recognition for her work. Most recently, Bledsoe was recognized by the National Association of City and County Health Officials for organizing and implementing a model program for food safety education.

Don Bower (Professor and Interim Department Head, Child and Family Development) in collaboration with Janet Bitner of the Carl Vinson Institute of Government, delivered the first “Family Impact Seminar for Georgia Policymakers” during this year’s Georgia General Assembly. The seminar provided research-based information to state policy-makers on the impact of obesity on children. Speakers included Rebecca Mullis (Professor and Department Head, Foods and Nutrition) and Rick Lewis (Professor, Foods and Nutrition). Funding for the seminars was provided through the Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach.

Susan Brooks (Office Manager, Housing and Consumer Economics) is this year’s recipient of the Nettie Marie Nickols Staff Award. Brooks has been a FACS staff member for 24 years and employed by UGA for a total of 32 years. In her nomination form, Brooks was described as “demonstrating superior customer service at all levels. Her winning attitude and attention to detail make her invaluable to our team. Someone worth cloning!! She is extraordinary.”

Mick Coleman (Associate Professor, Child and Family Development) has been named the Educator of the Year by the FACS faculty & staff.

Relax with FACS Retreat

Nancy Purcell Hyte (BSHE ’73, MEd ’75, Home Economics Education), Donna Parry Curles (BSHE ’75, Clothing and Textiles), Mary Smith Mills (BSHE ’73, Home Economics Education; MEd ’75 Elementary Education) and Norma Green (BSHE ’73, MEd ’80, Home Economics Education) stand in front of Hills and Dales – a home built in 1916. Relax with FACS ’05 was held at Callaway Gardens. In addition to touring the Hills and Dales estate, the 20 participants enjoyed Becky Dempsey’s program “Changing Spaces: Room by Room.”
Georgia Association on Young Children. The award recognizes professionals who have made a unique contribution to the field of early childhood education and for professional dedication on behalf of children and families in Georgia.

Sharon Gibson (State Coordinator, Child, Youth and Families At Risk Program) has been awarded the FACS Outreach Faculty Award. In addition to her work with CYFAR, a five-year initiative designed to strengthen communities by reaching diverse audiences and using a grassroots approach to collaboration, Gibson is actively involved in the university’s “Poverty and Economics Initiative” and conducts the poverty simulation throughout the state. She has worked with FACS since 1998.

Jan Hathcote (Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Research and Associate Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has been named a member of the UGA Teaching Academy, a community of scholars committed to promoting and celebrating teaching and learning.

Ian Hardin (Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) was among the UGA faculty who traveled to Uganda to meet with textile and apparel businesses to create opportunities for U.S. and Ugandan firms to do business that translates into economic growth and jobs. The project is coordinated through the Office of International Public Service and Outreach in partnership with the African Studies Institute, the Uganda Investment Authority and the East Africa-America Business Council in Atlanta.

James Hargrove (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition) has published *Mathematical Modeling in Nutrition and Toxicology*, a book that reports the proceedings of the International Conference on Mathematical Modeling in Nutrition and Environmental Toxicology held at the University of Georgia in September 2003. Experts describe the use of modeling and simulation to study problems in obesity, diabetes, cancer, nutrient metabolism, risk assessment, and toxicology. Hypothesis testing, database construction and educational uses of computers are also discussed.

Ruth Harris (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition) has been promoted to the rank of professor.

Judy Harrison (Associate Professor, Foods and Nutrition) has been promoted to the rank of professor.

Hui-Chin Hsu (Associate Professor, Child and Family Development) has been selected as a Fulbright Scholar for 2005-06. She will be going to Taiwan to conduct research on mother-infant communication and contribute to academic programs.

Patricia Hunt-Hurst (Associate Professor and Department Head, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has received the Distinguished Teaching Award from Gamma Sigma Delta. She also received an IDEAS award from the Office of the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach to fund students’ experiential learning with a fabric artisan and entrepreneur in the Maymester study abroad program in Ghana. In addition to travel throughout Ghana to study the history, culture, economic and political systems of the country, students will work with a local fabric artisan in Cape Coast to learn about textile design, home-based small businesses and marketing plans to support economic development.

Lee Johnson (Assistant Professor, Child and Family Development) has been awarded the “Excellence in Undergraduate Research Mentoring Faculty Recognition” by the Center for Undergraduate Research. The award was established this year to recognize mentoring excellence by new faculty.

Soyoung Kim (Assistant Professor, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) has been promoted to the rank of associate professor and awarded tenure.

Molly Kimler (Program Assistant, Walton County) has been awarded the FACS Outreach Paraprofessional Award for her work with the Expanded Foods and Nutrition Education Program. During the past 11 years she has reached more than 250 participants in the Teen-Age Moms Program in three high schools and two middle schools. She conducts classes and home visits to encourage these young mothers to complete high school and to teach them to care for their children. She also conducts nutrition lessons for Head Start and Pre-K students.

Marilu Montalvo (Hispanic Outreach and Training Coordinator and Child Passenger Safety Instructor, Traffic Injury Prevention Institute) has been appointed to a two-year term on the National Child Passenger Safety Board as diversity representative. She will provide guidance and recommendations on the best practices to convey child passenger safety education to diverse communities and assist in the implementation of certification programs in those communities. Montalvo is a certified child passenger safety technician instructor and a professional Spanish interpreter and translator.

Sharon Y. Nickols (Dean) was the keynote speaker at the 50th anniversary celebration of the College of Home Economics at Lahore University in Pakistan in March. The late Maude Pye Hood, a faculty member in Foods and Nutrition, spent four years working with the colleges in Kirachi and Lahore and helping to establish the Pakistan Home Economics Association. Also attending the celebration was retired FACS faculty member Esther Maddux (BSHE ’73, Housing and Management).

Debbie Purvis (Senior Public Service Associate, Colquitt County) was among five UGA faculty members to receive a D.W. Brooks Award for Excellence. The annual award recognizes educators and researchers who excel in teaching, research, extension and public service extension programs. Purvis’ accomplishments include procuring a grant for “Voz de la Familia,” a family-centered community outreach program, through which she has taught nutrition, food safety and chronic disease prevention to nearly 1,000 Latino farm workers since 2002. She
Join the next meeting of “Designing Dawgs” at Fusion Design Group, LLC in Atlanta, on Tuesday, July 26, from 6-7:30 p.m. “Designing Dawgs Open the Door!” is an invitation-only event highlighting the work of award-winning designers Pam Sanchez, Shirley McFarlane, and Emmye Otto. The Westye Group Chef will treat you to a feast as you learn the latest cabinet trends, space-planning tips and how working with a certified kitchen and bath planner makes all the difference.

Space is limited to 50 participants, so please RSVP to www.fcs.uga.edu/development/ddawgs.

For more information on Designing Dawgs, call Kelly McGill Dean (BSHE ’89, MS ’91) at 404-497-9094 or Catherine Hube Stockman (BSFCS ’91) at 770-225-6397.

also is involved in projects such as “Smart Kids Fight BAC,” a multistate food safety curriculum, and the Faculty Research Grant Pilot Study, a profile and needs assessment of the Latino migrant population. She has trained a bilingual staff and now offers food service employees a state-required food handler certification training in both Spanish and English.

Connie Rash (Assistant Director, Student Services) and Denise Horton (Director of Communications) have received a Minority Advising Program mini-grant to design and print a Spanish-language brochure for Rash to distribute at the Georgia Mutual Assistance Association workshop. The brochure will complement the FACS Spanish-language brochure for Rash’s mini-grant to design and print a Spanish and English. A certified kitchen and bath planner makes all the difference.

Kim Bland (Master’s Student, Child and Family Development; BSFCS ’04, Child and Family Development, Early Childhood Education Pre-K-Grade 2), Brendan Carnes (Senior, Fashion Merchandising), Brandon Esco (Junior, Nutrition Science), Michele Santilli (Senior, Child and Family Development), Emily Tomayko (Senior, Dietetics) and Stephanie Vanderford (PhD Student, Housing and Consumer Economics) will be listed in Who’s Who in Universities and Colleges, 2005.

Angela Black (PhD Student, Child and Family Development) has received a scholarship to attend the Rural Women’s Health Conference in Pennsylvania.

Erendira Casas (Senior, Consumer Economics) and Natalia Nichols (Senior, Consumer Economics) presented a poster on their research about the hidden costs of pre-paid calling cards in the Center for Undergraduate Research Opportunities symposium at UGA.

Julia Marlowe (Associate Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) is their advisor on the project, which is funded in part by the UGA President’s Venture Fund.

Nicole Childs (Ph.D. Student, Child and Family Development) won the University of Georgia’s Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award this spring.

Candace Coats (Senior, Dietetics and Consumer Foods) has been awarded a scholarship by the Northeast Georgia Dietetic Association.

Theresa Glasheen (Junior, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) has been inducted into the Blue Key National Honor Society. She also has been awarded the Jackman Scholarship from the Educational Foundation of Phi Upsilon Omicron.

Cassie Hobby (Senior, Fashion Merchandising and Consumer Journalism) has been selected as the FACS representative for the UGA Rotary Club’s “Top 12.” UGA Colleges and Schools nominated outstanding students who were selected by the Athens Rotary Club for their leadership qualities.

Patricia Michaud (Senior, FACS Education) has been awarded the Tommie J. Hamner Scholarship from the Educational Foundation of Phi Upsilon Omicron.

Students in Free Enterprise, which includes FACS students and students in the Terry College of Business, has received a grant from the Marcus Foundation of Atlanta to teach students at the Classic City Performance Learning Center high school about the stock market. SIFE brings university students into partnerships with businesses and provides them the opportunity to develop leadership, teamwork, and communication skills.

Joan Koonce Moss (Associate Professor, Housing and Consumer Economics) is an advisor for the group.

Stephanie Vanderford (PhD Student, Housing and Consumer Economics), Yiping Lu (PhD Student, Textile Sciences), Julie Askew (PhD Student, Child and Family Development), and Sylvia Poulos (PhD Student, Foods and Nutrition) have been selected to receive Graduate School Dissertation Completion Assistantship Awards for 2005-06. These awards allow students to devote full time to the completion of their dissertations.

Wang Lu (PhD Student, Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors) won the Best Graduate Student Paper Competition at the American Association of Textile Colorists and Chemists meeting in September.
Ryan Ansley Posner (BSFCS '00, Child and Family Development) is a management information systems trainer for Oldcastle Architectural, Inc. in Atlanta. He is responsible for training and setting up users in a large accounting system for a manufacturer and distributor of architectural building supplies.

Gwendolyn Pugh (MS '04, Child and Family Development) earned her master's degree in fall 2004. Her thesis is titled, “Parenting Style, Maternal Efficacy and Impact of Childhood Disability on the Family and Mother of Children with Disability.” Her major professor was Zo Stoneman.

Cherie Rooks (MS '04, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in fall 2004. Her thesis is titled, “Effects of Leptin and the Sympathetic Nervous System on Adipose Tissue Metabolism in Male C57BL/6 Mice and Sprague Dawley Rats.” Her major professor was Ruth Harris. She is now a doctoral student in the Department of Foods and Nutrition.

Mario Rouse-Arnett (PhD '01, Child and Family Development), April Few (PhD '00, Child and Family Development), and Dionne Stephens (PhD '03, Child and Family Development) received the Outstanding Contributions to Feminist Scholarship Award at the 2004 National Council on Family Relations Conference. Rouse is an assistant professor at Georgia Southern University; Few is an assistant professor at Virginia Tech; and Stephens is an assistant professor at Florida International University. Their paper was titled, “Sister to Sister Talk: Transcending Boundaries in Qualitative Research with Black Women.”

Angela Ruhlen (MFCS '04, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in fall 2004.

Brent Sapp (BSFCS '00, Dietetics) and his wife, Heather, are the parents of Garrett Christopher, born Feb. 22, 2005.

Ajoy Sarkar (MS '92, Clothing, Textiles, Interiors and Furnishings; PhD '00, Textiles Sciences) received the College of Applied Human Sciences 2005 Tenure-Track Faculty Teaching Excellence Award at Colorado State University where he is an assistant professor. He teaches courses in textiles, textile analysis and application of textile technology to design.

Jyoti “Tina” Savia (PhD '04, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in fall 2004. Her dissertation is titled, “Effects of Missing Data on Statistical Power to Detect Change in Family-Based Preventive Intervention Research.” Her major professor was Adam Davey.

Darby Thompson Sewell (BSFCS '00, Family and Consumer Sciences Education; MEd '01, Family and Consumer Sciences Education) has received a Family and Consumer Sciences Education Graduate Fellowship from the National Association of Teacher Educators for Family and Consumer Sciences. She is a doctoral student at Iowa State University.

Purvi Shah (BSFCS '01, Dietetics) is in physician's assistant school at the Medical College of Georgia. She and her husband live in Augusta.

Amy Hugh Simmon (PhD '04, Child and Family Development) earned her doctoral degree in fall 2004. Her dissertation is titled, “Perceived Knowledge and Interest of Child Care Professionals in Child Care Training.” Her major professor was Charlotte Wallinga.

Leigh Ann Simmons-Wescott (PhD '04, Child and Family Development) received the Ruth Jewson Award for the best Family Studies Dissertation Proposal Submitted by a Doctoral Candidate and also the National Council on Family Relations Student Award for Excellence as a Student with High Potential for Contribution to the Field of Family Studies at the 2004 NCFR conference. She is an assistant professor at the University of Kentucky.

Lara Danielle Stokes (BSFCS '00, Consumer Economics) has married Christopher James Hobbs. They live in North Charleston, SC.

Jennifer Allison Thorn (BSFCS '02, Nutrition Science) married Johnathan Spencer Scanlon on Dec. 18, 2004. She is pursuing a medical degree at Emory University School of Medicine.

Jacquelyn Tucker (BSFCS '02, Child and Family Development) is working in the publishing department of Palmer and Cay, an insurance brokerage company based in Savannah.

Erica Wallace (MS '04, Foods and Nutrition) earned her master's degree in fall 2004. Her thesis is titled, “Using Proteomics as a Tool for the Study of Micronutrient Metabolism.” Her major professor was Arthur Grider.

Weidong Wu (PhD '04, Textile Sciences) earned his doctoral degree in fall 2004. His dissertation is titled, “Flame Retardant Finishes for Cotton Fabric Based on a Hydroxy-Functional Organophosphorus System.” His major professor was Charles Yang.

Nominate Award Winners Online

Make your nominations for the 2005 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.
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the Campaign Committee was a team decision in my family. My husband Ray supported my decision to be a part of this effort to increase support for our College.”

— Jean Bauerband (BSHE ’57, Home Economics Education), Retired FACS Extension Agent

“I’m supportive of UGA and the Family and Consumer Sciences College because it provided me with an excellent education that was the foundation for my success. A good education encourages independent thinking and I believe our College challenges students to explore how they can best contribute to our ever-changing world.

— Carolyn Willis Grant, (BSHE ’71, Home Economics and Journalism) President, Omega Property Group, a commercial real estate brokerage and development company

“As an undergraduate I received 12 scholarships that made it possible for me to go to college. I also received a National Science Foundation Fellowship that paid my expenses to obtain a PhD at Cornell University. I received a cash award for having the highest grade point average when I graduated from UT, and it was enough to pay the hospital bill for the birth of our first daughter, Melynda, in 1952. These are among the reasons I feel fortunate to be able to ‘give back’ to help other students achieve their goals to obtain a higher education.

“I started saving and investing early in my career, and some of the investments have been real winners. Rather than sell them and pay capital gains taxes, I could give the appreciated stocks to UGA to fund scholarships and awards for undergraduates and graduate students. I can then use the contributions as tax deductions. This is a ‘win-win’ situation for me because it accomplishes what I want to do for FACS students and it saves me from paying as much taxes as I would if I sold the stocks.

“Another reason I am so glad to help is that it has been such a pleasure to work with the wonderful faculty, staff, students and especially Dean Nickols and her staff of the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. After 25 years of being an administrator (department head, director of Ag Experiment Stations and dean of the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences) I had the opportunity to teach nutrition and conduct energy metabolism research. It has been truly a pleasure and fun! Katrina Bowers and Becky Price have done most of the organizing and work, so it has been a very rewarding experience to be chair of the steering committee. We have already achieved our original goal, and I am confident that we can double that support to FACS during the remainder of the campaign.”

— William Flatt, (Professor Emeritus, Foods and Nutrition) Chair, FACS Campaign Committee.
More than 150 local and state leaders attended the State of Georgia Families conferences held in Savannah, Columbus and Atlanta as part of an effort to educate local and state leaders about important family trends.

Led by Dean Sharon Nickols, the conferences provided information on a variety of family issues, including the rates of marriage and divorce, health issues, the rate of bankruptcies occurring in Georgia and information on the types of housing available in various areas of the state.

“Our goal with these conferences is to emphasize the interdependence between economic development and family development,” according to Nickols. “Strong families contribute to strong communities, and vice versa.”

Those attending included representatives of local and state government, law enforcement and, in the case of the Columbus conference, a commanding officer of Fort Benning Army Base.

At each location, a lengthy question-and-answer session followed Nickols’ presentation with additional information being provided by a panel of FACS faculty, as well as local FACS Extension agents. In addition, those attending received a printed report detailing the information provided during the presentation.

Don Bower, professor of child and family development, talks with Savannah Mayor Otis Johnson.

FACS en Español Now Online

A new Spanish-language website allows potential students and their parents to learn about the College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

The site, which was launched on Feb. 16, is the first UGA website to offer complete information in Spanish about a college and its majors.

“This website confirms our college’s push to recruit students from diverse backgrounds,” said FACS Dean Sharon Y. Nickols. “While the vast majority of students of Latino descent who are interested in attending the University of Georgia speak English fluently, we found during recruiting visits that their parents wanted the opportunity to read about our college in their native language.”

The website can be found at http://www.fcs.uga.edu/spanish and is directly linked to the FACS homepage. The site includes information on the college’s four departments and 11 majors.

“Our first effort at reaching the Spanish-speaking parents of potential students took place last fall,” according to Connie Rash, assistant director for students services in FACS. “The Georgia Mutual Assistance Association, a non-profit organization working with refugees and immigrants, sponsored a series of workshops in the North Fulton County-Atlanta community for college-bound Latino students.”

Rash provided printed information on the college’s departments and majors that had been translated into Spanish by FACS faculty members to those attending.

“It was amazing how pleased the parents were to be able to read this information for themselves, rather than relying on their children or someone else to translate it,” Rash said.

Silvia Giraudo, an assistant professor in the Department of Foods and Nutrition, who helped with much of the translation, said she understands the parents’ concerns.

“I’ve lived in the United States for many years now and feel very comfortable reading, writing and speaking English,” said Giraudo, a native of Argentina. “But, particularly when you’re exploring college options for your children, you want to be certain that you understand absolutely every word.”

Recruitment materials are only the latest of a series of efforts by the College of Family and Consumer Sciences to reach Georgia’s burgeoning Spanish-speaking population. FACS also has translated brochures related to foods and nutrition and housing issues into Spanish. In addition, the FACS Extension programs have translated all of their materials into Spanish since 2003.

“The University of Georgia has a historic commitment to reaching the needs of our state’s citizens,” Nickols said. “Whether it’s translating our Extension brochures dealing with household toxins, helping child-care providers and parents understand early brain development, or reaching out to potential students, the College of Family and Consumer Sciences shares that commitment to reaching our state’s diverse audiences.”
Letter from the Dean

Good to Great—Are We There Yet?

One of the most popular books in the realm of business management in recent years is Jim Collins’ “Good to Great.” The book presents an analysis of the performance over a period of 40 years by 1,435 companies. All were judged to be “good” as measured by economic and management indicators, but only 11 made the transition from “good-to-great.” Collins’ book describes the characteristics of these “great” companies. As the College of Family and Consumer Sciences, along with the entire University of Georgia, “goes public” with our major fund-raising campaign Archway to Excellence, I’ve been thinking about how we can move the College from good to great.

What does it take to move from good to great? A key element is what Collins’ described as “The Flywheel Effect,” wherein sustained steady effort creates the momentum to generate superior results. There was no “miracle moment,” but rather “a pragmatic, committed-to-excellence process” that kept the leaders and personnel in the great companies on track for the long haul. Among the College’s indicators of our continuous progress are enrollment growth, student achievement and satisfaction, increased grant funding and new audiences reached. In this issue, there is news about some of our achievements.

Another key observation from “Good to Great” is that great companies have a passion that drives their “economic engines.” The authors called this the “Hedgehog Concept.” The “Hedgehog Concept” is manifested in our College’s commitment to the land-grant university mission as applied to issues affecting families, consumers and communities. Our passion is summed up in the College slogan: “Knowledge for Real Life.” The relevance of our academic programs, research and public service is what drives the FACS “engine.”

What’s next? The key is to preserve core values and purpose while endlessly adapting to change. Our feature story on 101-year-old alumna Ella Nuitte’s visit to the campus may prompt you to reflect on the enduring values of home economics. But as Miss Ella said to me when we met, “You have to keep changing with the times, and home economics (I mean, family and consumer sciences) certainly knows how to do that.”

Today, institutions of higher education depend on support from alumni and friends, as well as the private sector, to accelerate progress toward greatness. FACS is indeed fortunate to have such benefactors. The College reached our initial financial goal in the Archway to Excellence campaign before the public kick-off! Thank you, loyal and early donors!

We will be setting a new goal, because it is clear we can achieve more. The big campaign goals are listed on page 7. The feature story on our FACS Campaign Steering Committee provides insight into the dedication typical of FACS alumni and friends. We are grateful for their leadership. Katrina Bowers, director of development, and I will continue working closely with the committee throughout the Archway to Excellence campaign.

Are we there yet? In my view, going from good to great is a journey. We’re not there yet, but we are well on our way. Please join us by giving all you possibly can to assure that progress continues. The journey itself will be rewarding and the goals are achievable! ■

Sharon Y. Nickels, Dean

New Scholarship Honors 50 Years of Marriage

Marian Chesnut McCullers (BSHE ’46, Housing and Consumer Economics) can’t remember when FACS wasn’t a large part of her life.

“Growing up in Chamblee my sister-in-law Rebecca Smith taught home economics at the high school,” she recalls. “I admired her greatly and she persuaded me to attend UGA and major in the field that served me well for my entire career.” The decades of home economics connections have been one of Marian’s largest networks.

“I cherish my interactions from the years of involvement I’ve had in the FACS Alumni Association,” she says. “Some of my dearest friends are from the FACS profession and more specifically, from my involvement with FACS alumni.”

At age 33, Wilton “Butch” McCullers’ mother thought he was a confirmed bachelor. But meeting Marian on a blind date when he was home from his military service changed this status. Butch and Marian recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. To honor her, Butch made the Marian Chesnut McCullers Scholarship a reality for the coming fall term. What a special anniversary gift!

The McCullers have been supportive of our College for years. In 1983, they created a pooled income fund designating FACS as the beneficiary upon their deaths. They earned income from this fund annually. Twenty-two years later they both realized that they would rather witness their gift at work during their lifetimes. With the help of the UGA Office of Development, they converted the pooled income fund into a current gift. Butch then added the necessary amount to fully endow a scholarship in his wife’s honor.

“We are both excited about meeting the first Marian Chesnut McCullers Scholarship recipient!” Marian says. “The timing was perfect for us to make this decision and this investment in the College of Family and Consumer Sciences. We are proud to be a major donor in the Archway to Excellence campaign.”

The McCullers have listed the criteria of the scholarship to be for either a graduate or an undergraduate student in our College with a preference given to students in the Housing and Consumer Economics Department. They also want to help students with financial need.

“We recognize that the costs associated with education continue to rise and we want to reward those who are deserving of a college education but may be inhibited because of limited financial resources,” Marian explains.

Thank you Butch and Marian! We are so proud to be the stewards of your generosity! ■
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