Celebrating THE SIXTH ANNUAL EXCELLENCE RECOGNITION PROGRAM

College of Family and Consumer Sciences UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA
Welcome to the sixth annual Celebrating Excellence Recognition Program, an experience we’ve designed to recognize the accomplishments of students, faculty, staff and, of course, our generous donors.

This year’s recognition is presented in a different format due to the COVID-19 pandemic. While we regret not being able to gather in person, we are grateful that technology allows us to celebrate and express our sincere thanks and congratulations.

We hope you will enjoy this new venture, but know we so much look forward to seeing all of you in the near future.

A culture of philanthropy was established early in our history, with our first private gift to the college in 1919 and the first scholarship endowment dating back to 1951. Today, our college has more than 100 endowed funds that go toward scholarships, professorships, international study awards, research support and more.

The deep-rooted commitment by donors to cultivating the next generation of leaders also was reflected in the results of the recent Commit to Georgia Campaign, which raised a record-breaking amount of $1.45 billion!

To our donors and scholarship recipients, thank you for your support and for your pursuit of excellence. Thank you also to all of the award recipients recognized today. Your commitment to improving lives inspires all of us.

We are grateful to be able to count on your unwavering support in this great adventure.
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In the corner of DeRetta Rhodes’ office, just a long fly ball beyond the right field wall at Atlanta’s Truist Park, is a tiny piece of wall art featuring her favorite saying. “They told me I couldn’t,” it reads. “That’s why I did.”

“I love that,” Rhodes said. “It reminds me of so many experiences I’ve had.”

Rhodes, a 1992 FACS grad who also received a doctorate in adult education from UGA, was named Senior Vice President and Head of Human Resources for the Atlanta Braves in January 2019.

The daughter of educators, Rhodes was an honors student and accomplished debater who later became the first African-American to speak at her high school’s graduation ceremony.

Rhodes later completed an MBA from Clark Atlanta University before acquiring her doctorate, rising along the way to executive roles with Turner Broadcasting Systems, First Data and YMCA of Metropolitan Atlanta.

Rhodes’ doctoral dissertation from 2010, “Courage under fire: How black women have learned to survive in corporate America” explored issues that resonate deeply with her and reflect much of own experience.

Rhodes is now sought-after speaker who has served and continues to serve on the boards of several Atlanta organizations, including the 21st Century Leaders and Human Resource Leadership Forum.

In 2018, she was an invited speaker at the TEDxUGA event and is the recipient of the FACS Distinguished Alumni Award for 2020.

**DeRetta Cole Rhodes**

Senior Vice-President
Head of Human Resources, Atlanta Braves
Ph.D., UGA College of Education, 2010
MBA, Clark Atlanta University, 1996
BSFCS, UGA College of Family and Consumer Sciences, 1992
Academic and Research Awards

Katrina Little Bowers Alumni Leadership Fund
Sponsor of FACS Alumni Association at FACS Leadership Retreat

Carolyn D. Berdanier Nutrition Science Support
Maggie K. Whitehead, FDN

Burton-Fowler Undergraduate Research Award
Niasia Ferguson, TMI
Sarah Dean, HDFS
Robyn Salzberg, FDN
Kathleen Ryan, TMI

Eleonora M. Costa Graduate Support
Jerard Adams, FHCE
Jordan Bell, FHCE
Jamie Lynn Byram, FHCE
Pan Ju Chen, FHCE
Youngjoo Chung, FHCE
Sae Rom Chung, FHCE
Sha’Mira Covington, TMI
Malika Dhakhwa, FHCE
Jyotsna Ghimire, FHCE
Portia Johnson, FHCE
Seongsu Kim, FHCE
Caroline Kopot, TMI
Jessica Parks, FHCE
Kaylee Ranck, FHCE
Smriti Rai, TMI
Jaleessa Reed, TMI
Muna Sharma, FHCE
Jeongah Shin, TMI
Yabin Tang, HDFS
Yingyi Liu, FHCE
Jaeyong Yoo, FHCE

Mary E. Creswell Research Fund
Maureen Brewster, TMI
Sha’Mira Covington, TMI
Kristian Hogans, TMI
Shafiqul Islam, TMI
Jeongah Shin, TMI
Emily Strub, TMI
Elizabeth Weigle, TMI

Evelyn R. Harris Academic Support
Xi Fang, FDN
Yuta Ishikawa, FDN
Julie Jeon, FDN

Endsley-Peifer Student Research Award
Youngjoo Choung, FHCE
Xi Fang, FDN
Shafiqul Islam, TMI

Wanda J. Grogan Professional Development Academic Support
Sponsor of the FACS Student Ambassadors at FACS Leadership Retreat

Josephine Martin Emerging Leader in Policy Award
Kimberly Osborne, HDFS
Taylor Newman, FDN

Mize-Ritchie Endowment Fund for Legislative Aide Scholarships
Brejae Gates, TMI

Glenn Wilson (Jack) Ellard Legislative Aide
Sponsor of FACS Day at the Capitol
Sharon Y. Nickols Student Leadership
Sponsor of FACS Leadership Retreat

Inez Wallace Tumlin Graduate Student Academic Support
Mary C Prater, FDN
Liana Rodrigues, FDN
Haley Spiron, HDFS

Jim and Lynda Walters Support Fund
Aditi Routh, FHCE
Ava Reck, HDFS
Zehua Cui, HDFS
Christine Hargrove, HDFS
William Stanford, HDFS
Yabin Tang, HDFS
Kimberly Osborne, HDFS
LaRen Morton, HDFS
Clairee Peterson, HDFS
Meredith Farnsworth, HDFS
Amber Kelly, HDFS

Karen S. Wampler Marriage & Family Therapy Award
Michael Curtis, HDFS
Meredith Farnsworth, HDFS

Leonora Anderson Scholarship
Kenadi Davis, HDFS

Logan Upshaw Bentley Memorial Scholarship
Caroline Campbell, FHCE

Zena Costa Brown Scholarship
Sarah Dintino, HDFS
Chaehee Kim, HDFS
Shreya Pandya, FDN
Anna Watkins, TMI

Glenn and Helen Burton Feeding the Hungry Scholarship
Darci Bell, FDN

Lois Dowdle Cobb Scholarship
Ashley “Harper” Brand, TMI

Thomas F. Comer Scholarship
Catherine Ruter, FDN

Karen R. Davis Scholarship
Katherine Suma, HDFS
STUDENT HONOREES

Iris Price Dover Scholarship
Aashka Sheth, FDN

Marion Louise Price Elkin Scholarship
Alivia Davidson, TMI

Pearce L. and Mary Wells Elkins Scholarship
Ummay Mowshome Jahan, TMI

Julia Ann Simpson Elliott Scholarship
McKenzie Belvins, TMI
Kylee Christensen, HDFS
Kaitlyn Hart, TMI
Madison Justice, FDN

FACS Alumni Association Scholarship
Jake Conner, FDN

FACS Alumni Association – FCCLA
Jacee Balsevich, FDN

FACS Alumni Association – 4-H
Sophia Rodriguez, HDFS

Fairchild-Holcomb Family FACS Scholarship
Lydia Akin, FDN
Erin Allen, TMI

Dean Linda Kirk Fox Scholarship for Academic Excellence
Carolyn Hammond, HDFS

Hazel and Gene Franklin Scholarship
Caroline Cerminaro, FDN
Jordan Garmon, TMI
Liana Rodrigues, FDN

Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation: Buhler Leadership & Academic Award
Kassie Todd, TMI

The Nancy Hailey and Sis Strickland Hailey Scholarship
Portia Johnson, FHCE

Anne and Earl Haltiwanger Scholarship
Muna Sharma, FHCE
Shuangyan Wu, TMI

Sharon Boone Hamner Foods and Nutrition Scholarship
Hannah Wilson, FDN

Doe H. Harden Scholarship
Abigail Hightower, FDN

Grace Hartley Scholarship
Camryn Crosby, FHCE
Margaret Greer, FHCE
Michelle Morguarge, FHCE
Olivia Sawyer, FHCE

Jan M. Hathcote Social Science Academic Support
Sha’Mira Covington, TMI

Jan M. Hathcote Scholarship
Sarah Ros, TMI

Opal Ward Jones Scholarship
Mariah Foote, HDFS

Jones-Anderson Family Endowment
Emily Strub, TMI
Elizabeth Weigle, TMI
**Student Honorees**

**Virginia Wilbanks Kilgore Scholarship**
- Tehgan Anguilm, FDN
- Ziyou Jiang, TMI
- Sara Idacavage, TMI
- Magen Lord, FDN
- Chansophal Mak, HDFS
- Kassidy Sharpe, FDN
- Jessica Strosahl, FDN
- Yu Zhang, FHCE
- Jeong Ah Shin, TMI
- Josephine Shieh, HDFS
- Nick Slagel, FDN
- Yu-Ra Son, TMI
- Shannon Stowers, FDN
- Yabin Tang, HDFS
- Dyna Ty, HDFS
- Jose Francisco Diaz Valenzuela, FHCE
- Elizabeth Weigle, TMI
- Hannah Wilson, FDN
- Shuangyan Wu, HDFS

**Rosabelle Carr Koelsche Fund**
- Samantha Hill, FDN

**Dr. Betty Lane Graduate Scholarship**
- Andrejs Pilajevs, FHCE

**Marian Chesnut McCullers Scholarship**
- Michael Gawrys, FHCE
- Olivia Paniagua, FHCE
- Christina Purgason, FHCE

**Mize-Infinity**
- Kristen Hankins, FACS Ed

**George Griffeth and Leolene Chapman Montgomery Scholarship**
- Lauren Brown, HDFS
- Malika Dhakhwa, FHCE
- Ariyon Hamm, TMI

**Audrey Kernodle, FHCE**
- Taylor Lamb, TMI

**Ruth Rowan Morrison Graduate Fellowship in Nutrition Studies**
- Yu-Ra Son, FDN

**Gladys F. (Nannie) Nesbitt/Flatt Education Fund in FACS**
- Ashton Brantley, TMI
- Vanessa Reyes, TMI
- Sofie Wood, TMI

**NRF Next Generation Scholarship**
- Taylor Ford, TMI
- Parker Sylvester, TMI

**Gwendolyn Brooks O’Connell Scholarship**
- Allison Rautmann, FDN

**Emily Quinn and J. W. (Joe) Pou Scholarship**
- Yabin Tang, HDFS

**Melynda Flatt Reid Dietetics Scholarship**
- Abigail Bailey, FDN
- Flannery Daughtry, FDN
- Bailey Echols, FDN
- Mallory Johns, FDN
- Megan Smith, FDN

**Elise Bray Richey Scholarship**
- Rebecca Gould, FDN
- Parker Sylvester, TMI

**Elizabeth T. Sheerer Graduate Scholarship**
- Michael Curtis, HDFS
STUDENT HONOREES

Pam McIntyre Thompson, R. D. Scholarship
Whitley Carter, FDN
Isabella Morin, FDN

M. E. Powell Threkeld Scholarship
Madison Merrill, HDFS

Nancy Virginia Price Turner Scholarship
Elifelet Sanchez, TMI

Marian Wang Nutrition Scholarship
Samantha Bonnett, FDN
Corrie Fletcher, FDN
Devin Logan, FDN

Whitlock Family Scholarship
Helen Majano, TMI

Karin Elizabeth Willis Scholarship
Reagan Fields, TMI
Freida Lim, FDN

YMA Fashion Scholarship Fund
Natalea Harrington, TMI
Jeremy Kalteux, TMI
Sabrina Lee, TMI
Margarethe Little, TMI
Amy Manley, TMI

Karen Tinsley Scholarship
Chloe Freeman, FHCE

Cetera Financial Group Scholarship
Melanie Robertson, FHCE

Lavender Family Legacy Scholarship
Sarah Perrine, FDN

TrueWealth Scholarship
Haylie Davis, FHCE
Eun Jin Kwak, FHCE
Andy Li, FHCE
Abbie Parke, FHCE
Noah Smith, FHCE
## Student Honorees

### FACS Fund for Excellence
- Jerard Adams, FHCE
- Jerard Adams, FHCE
- Sorita Ann, HDFS
- Peter Attridge, HDFS
- Darci Bell, FDN
- Jamie Lynn Byram, FHCE
- Sae Rom Chung, FHCE
- Elizabeth (Betsy) Cogan, FDN
- Marty Cotwright, FHCE
- Sha’Mira Covington, TMI
- Michael Curtis, HDFS
- Malika Dhakhwa, FHCE
- Emilie Ellis, HDFS
- Xi Fang, FDN
- Martha Fulk, FHCE
- Jyotsna Ghimire, FHCE
- Rebecca Gould, FDN
- Kristian Hogans, TMI
- Yuta Ishikawa, FDN
- Shafiqul Islam, TMI
- Julie Jeon, FDN
- Abby Joannes, HDFS
- Portia Johnson, FHCE
- Amber Kelley, HDFS
- Jiyoungh Kim, FDN
- Seongsu Kim, FHCE
- Elizabeth Klingbeil, FDN
- Elizabeth Marks, HDFS
- Nathaniel Patton, HDFS
- Sihong Liu, HDFS
- Tracy Liu, FHCE
- Ebunolowa Odeyemi, FHCE
- Clairee Peterson, HDFS
- Hofner Rusiana, FHCE
- Charli Spivey, HDFS
- Chesney Stein, HDFS
- Dyna Ty, FHCE

### Leila Alberta Ritchie Mize Endowment
- Darci Bell, FDN
- Elizabeth Cogan, FDN
- Xi Fang, FDN
- Rebecca Gould, FDN
- Kristian Hogans, TMI
- Yuta Ishikawa, FDN
- Julie Jeon, FDN
- Jiyoungh Kim, FDN
- Elizabeth Klingbeil, FDN
- Allie Lindke, FDN
- Anuradhi Liyanapathiranage, TMI
- Amy Manley, TMI
- Anne McInnis, TMI
- Taylor Newman, FDN
- Liana Rodrigues, FDN
- Josephine Shieh, FDN
- Nick Slagel, FDN
- Yu-Ra Son, FDN
- Elizabeth Weigle, TMI
- Hannah Wilson, FDN
- Shuangyan Wu, TMI

Please note that only awards and scholarships that were awarded this year have been listed in the program. Many awards and scholarships like the Study Away Awards were unable to be awarded due to COVID-19. Finally, all featured photos were taken prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.
FACULTY & STAFF HONOREES

Note: The following college award winners are profiled on pages 14-21.

Nettie Marie Nickols
Outstanding Staff Award
Cal Powell, Director of Communications

Faculty Mentoring Undergraduate Research Award
Hea Jin Park, FDN

Bill and June Flatt Outstanding Extension and Outreach Faculty Award
Ali Berg, FDN

Bill and June Flatt Outstanding Faculty Research Award
K.A.S. Wickrama, HDFS

Dr. Chris Todd Outstanding Outreach Award
Maria Bermudez, HDFS and Lazos Hispanics team

Thomas F. Rodgers Outreach County Agent Award
Leigh Anne Aaron, NE District

Super-Included Diversity Award
Melissa McBride, FHCE

Early Career Faculty Research Award
Lilian Sattler, FDN

Outstanding Undergraduate Faculty Advisor Award
Effie Antonoudi, FHCE

Outstanding Undergraduate Professional Advisor Award
Christie Sanders, SSAC

Bill and June Flatt Outstanding Teacher of the Year Award
Melissa Kozak, HDFS

Outreach Paraprofessional Award
Fani Orellana, SE District

Sweaney Innovation Fund
Chalandra Bryant, HDFS
Jennifer George, HDFS
Jennifer Gonyea, HDFS
Melissa Kozak, HDFS
Melissa Landers-Potts, HDFS
Professorships

UGA Athletic Association Professorship in Family and Consumer Sciences
John Grable, FHCE

UGA Athletic Association Professorship in Family and Consumer Sciences
Jung Sun Lee, FDN

Flatt Professorship in Foods and Nutrition
Lynn Bailey, FDN

Flatt Professorship with a focus on Childhood Obesity
Jamie Cooper, FDN

UGA Athletic Association Professorship in Fibers and Textiles
Gajanan Bhat, TMI

UGA Athletic Association Professorship in Family and Consumer Sciences II
Brenda Cude, FHCE

UGA Athletic Association Professorship in Family Health Disparities
Margaret Caughy, HDFS

Georgia Power Professorship in Fiber and Polymer Science
Sergiy Minko, TMI

Georgia Soft Goods Education Foundation Distinguished Professorship
Greg Vessels, TMI

Samuel A. and Sharon Y. Nickols Professorship
Sheri Worthy, FHCE

UGA Foundation Professorship in Family and Consumers Sciences
Noel Card, HDFS

Janette McGarity Barber Distinguished Professorship
Patricia Hunt-Hurst, Associate Dean

Anne Montgomery Haltiwanger Distinguished Professorship
Zolinda Stoneman, IHDD

Bluerock Professorship in Financial Planning
Swarn Chatterjee, FHCE

UGA Athletic Association Professorship in Human Development
Steve Kogan, HDFS

Abbreviations

FHCE
Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics

FDN
Department of Foods and Nutrition

HDFS
Department of Human Development and Family Science

IHDD
Institute on Human Development and Disability

SSAC
Student Success and Advising Center

TMI
Department of Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors
Cal Powell
- Director of Communications, College of Family and Consumer Sciences
- Uses multi-platform storytelling techniques to reach diverse audiences with news and information about the college that builds relationships and strengthens communities
- Credited with building the reputation of the college through storytelling, including writing several research articles that were among the most viewed across the university in 2019
- Collaborates with UGA Marketing and Communications to amplify messages, helping FACS rank among the top six colleges at UGA in media and communications success
- “People have a better understanding of FACS because of Cal,” said Cara Simmons, Director of the Student Success and Advising Center.

Hea Jin Park
- Assistant Professor, Department of Foods and Nutrition
- Research focuses on bioactive food compounds and their mechanisms of action on chronic inflammation and neurofunction
- Has mentored 18 undergraduate researchers since joining the department, 13 of whom have received CURO research assistantships or summer fellowships
- Three of the undergraduate researchers have received the Berdanier Undergraduate Research Award and three have received the Burton-Fowler undergraduate research award
- Commended by students for friendly demeanor and inspiring a passion for learning
Ali Berg
• Associate Professor and Extension Specialist, Department of Foods and Nutrition
• Has provided outstanding leadership for Extension nutrition and health programs with major emphases in Chronic Disease Prevention and Management.
• Updated Cooking for a Lifetime of Cancer Prevention curriculum and trained agents for implementation
• As part of an interdisciplinary FACS team, received a large grant from USDA to expand programming to rural Georgia as well as rural Texas counties
• Partnered with American Cancer Society to increase program funding and received grant funding from multiple sources to establish the Diabetes Prevention Program in UGA Extension and deliver to the community and to UGA and other USG institutions

K.A.S. Wickrama
• Professor, Department of Human Development and Family Science and Director, Quantitative Methods for Family and Social Sciences
• Research program focuses on the study of family, community, and other social influences on mental and physical health, a field known as social epidemiology
• Has published more than 160 journal articles, 12 book chapters and three books
• Work has been cited nearly 8,000 times, and has exceeded $10 million in extramural funding
• An innovator, he has built on his pioneering research on stress processes by integrating genetic and health-related biomarkers into social epidemiological studies
Maria Bermudez and Lazos Hispanos team
- Bermudez is an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Development and Family Science
- Lazos Hispanos was launched in 2016 by Bermudez and Rebecca Matthew from the UGA School of Social Work; Pamela Orpinas from the College of Public Health; and Carolina Darbisi from the Fanning Institute, as well as six consulting faculty members from across the university
- Lazos Hispanos (Hispanic Links) is an interdisciplinary project consisting of four UGA faculty and staff, nine community health workers called promotoras and five graduate and nine undergraduate students
- The outreach project was formed to decrease health disparities and enhance the health and well-being of Latinx people in Athens and the surrounding areas by developing a network of volunteer community health workers (promotoras) who connect community members with service providers for multiple health and social needs
- The team currently has a contract with the Georgia Department of Public Health to develop a training manual for other providers wanting to work with community health workers, such as promotores, to reach underserved populations in Georgia

Leigh Anne Aaron
- FACS Extension Agent for Morgan and Oconee counties
- Recipient of Distinguished Service Award, Georgia Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences in 2019
- Provides Early Care Education teacher training monthly, using a combination of Extension teacher training lesson plans and original curricula she develops to meet specific needs of ECE teachers
- Has taught 30 ECE teacher training sessions to 72 unique participants from five counties the last several years and has developed or co-developed seven different curriculum units that cover important topics in ECE, including conservation, curriculum planning, developmentally appropriate teaching, literacy, math and science
- Provides statewide leadership in offering poverty simulations to groups across Georgia and has helped develop scholarly research projects to evaluate and communicate the effectiveness of existing programs
Super-Includer Award

Melissa McBride
- Administrative Specialist, Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics
- Credited with going out of her way to find answers, help faculty, staff, and students with issues and provide advice
- “Melissa never seems to have a bad day and is always cheerful,” said department head Sheri Worthy. “She has a positive, non-judgmental attitude toward everyone and is the embodiment of a super-includer.”

Early Career Faculty Research Award

Lilian Sattler
- Assistant Professor with dual appointment in the FACS Department of Foods and Nutrition and the Department of Clinical and Administrative Pharmacy in the College of Pharmacy
- Research focus on nutrition, pharmacotherapy, and cardiovascular health
- Funded by NIH NCATS Georgia Clinical and Translational Science Alliance KL2 Award, Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics, National Health Service, U.K.
- Recognized for leadership at the American Heart Association as immediate past chair of the Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health Early Career Committee; member-at-large of the Nutrition Science Committee, the Leadership Committee, and the Nominations Committee at the Council on Lifestyle and Cardiometabolic Health
- Fellow of the American Heart Association
**Effie Antonoudi**

- Academic Professional Associate, instructor and program coordinator, Department of Financial Planning, Housing and Consumer Economics
- Plans and teaches five Consumer Economics and Financial Planning courses for third and fourth year undergraduate students and helps with student advising recruitment and marketing
- Has organized financial literacy events every semester for UGA Griffin students and prospective students and serves as program director and organizer of the FACS Greece study abroad program
- One of the principal investigators on the proposal for a diversity grant that was successfully obtained through a competitive process for two years in a row
- Co-organized the Advising and Mentoring Minority Students for Success in Careers in Financial Planning Symposium and the Diversity and Inclusion in Financial Planning Symposium

**Christie Sanders**

- Academic Advisor, Student Success and Advising Center
- Advises around 400 students across three majors: Consumer Economics, Financial Planning and Housing Management and Policy
- Credited with providing invaluable assistance to new transfer students as she helps them navigate a new university and make a smooth transition to UGA.
- Serves as a liaison between students and faculty, helping advisees overcome their apprehension about reaching out to professors in order to encourage these important connections
- “I see advising as a team sport,” she said. “I’m an active part of that student’s success team. We’re in it together.”
Melissa Kozak
• Senior Lecturer, Undergraduate Coordinator, Department of Human Development and Family Science
• Writing Fellow, Teaching Academy Fellow, Special Collections Library Fellow, Service-Learning Fellow
• She and her colleagues received the Anne Sweaney Innovation Fund to develop an HDFS Writing Center to support student writing
• Co-founded a Faculty Learning Community (FLC) for Career Track/Non-Tenure Track Faculty and was involved in the initial groundwork to improve the representation of non-tenure track faculty in institutional governance at UGA
• Receives consistent praise and positive evaluations from students as an outstanding teacher

Fani Orellana
• Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program Assistant, UGA Cooperative Extension, Appling County
• Recruits and maintains a caseload of participants to attend 8 Food Talk Sessions
• Teaches a series of eight Food Talk Sessions to participants teaching them the skills they need to purchase and prepare healthy meals on a budget for their families in both English and Spanish
• In 2019, she directly reached 162 adults representing households of 687 individuals. She taught 969 sessions of Food Talk to adults and had 123 adult graduates and 16 high school graduates, for a total of 139 graduates. 96 percent of adult graduates and 93 percent of youth graduates made positive changes in their diets after completing her Food Talk classes.
• Received the Beffie Morse EFNEP Paraprofessional of the Year award in 2018
Chalandra Bryant, Department of Human Development and Family Science.

Team of Jennifer George, Jennifer Gonyea, Melissa Kozak and Melissa Landers-Potts

- Chalandra Bryant, a faculty member in the Department of Human Development and Family Science, was funded to develop her project, “Connecting students with course materials through exposure to experts around the country and through Virtual Reality Experiences.” She used the funds to support the purchase of VR equipment, establish honorariums and other budgeted items.
- A team from HDFS – Jennifer George, Jennifer Gonyea, Melissa Kozak, and Melissa Landers-Potts – was awarded funds to develop The HDFS Writing Center to support developing skills around academic writing and critical thinking skills through writing.
CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE COMMITTEE

Linda Kirk Fox  
Dean, College of Family and Consumer Sciences

Patricia Hunt-Hurst  
Associate Dean (Chair)

Kethia Booker Gates  
Dean’s Office (Chair)

Lynn Bailey  
FDN

Gajanan Bhat  
TMI

Janet Fowler  
Dean’s Office

Barbara Grossman  
FDN

Carol Halstead  
Dean’s Office

Donna Holcomb  
FDN

Steven Kogan  
HDFS

Cal Powell  
Dean’s Office

Melissa McBride  
FHCE

Melissa Landers-Potts  
HDFS

Michael Rupured  
FHCE

Cara Winston Simmons  
SSAC

Patricia White  
Dean’s Office
THANK YOU

Dear Friends,

Celebrating Excellence is always such a special time to recognize the generosity and selflessness of our FACS donors, but this year is even more memorable. On June 30, 2020, the University of Georgia completed the eight-year Commit to Georgia campaign. Alumni and friends of UGA donated $1.45 billion, a historic figure for the university. And you, FACS friends and donors, answered the call for the College, and the Development and Alumni Relations team at FACS thanks you.

Through your generosity, FACS raised $10.1 million over the course of the campaign, exceeding our campaign goal. You created 25 new endowed funds to support student academics and experiential learning and faculty achievement. Twenty-one more of you included FACS in your estate plans. Eight new endowed professorships were created. FACS added over 2,200 new donors. Many of you generously contributed more to your previously established endowments and added to your planned gifts. You are critical to ensuring that FACS continues to be a college of excellence and opportunity far into the future. We are profoundly grateful.

I hope you enjoy this virtual Celebrating Excellence. I think you will agree that our students and faculty are among the most talented and ambitious at UGA. But most of all, I look forward to the time when we can all be together again in Athens.

Regards,

Tricia White
Director of Development
Since 1918, FACS has been paving the way for change and innovation at the University of Georgia. From our origin as the entry point for women at UGA, we’ve earned a reputation as a student-centric college that opens doors of opportunity through education and outreach.

During our centennial year, we established the FACS Centennial Endowment for Student Success to commemorate 100 years of breaking barriers and to celebrate faculty and alumni who paved the way for others to forge new trails of their own.

The FACS Centennial Endowment for Student Success will provide support for leadership positions, professional development and other initiatives that enhance the student experience outside the classroom.

Through the generosity of donors, we are able to offer our students experiences that turn potential into reality. One decision to give can impact the lives of many. To contribute to this fund, please contact Kethia Gates at kethia.gates@uga.edu or visit gail.uga.edu/commit
UPCOMING EVENTS

FACS Alumni Association:
EXTRACURRICULAR SERIES
A COOKING CLASS WITH IVY ODOM

Thursday, October 15 at 6 p.m., Virtual

Family and Consumer Sciences
DAY AT THE CAPITOL

Thursday, February 11, 2021

Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences
ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Friday, March 5, 2021, Virtual