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Message from the dean



We have devoted this issue of Focus to our students. Although you won't find all 3,111 of them here, you will find a couple dozen who represent their broadly diverse talents, interests and majors.

Yes, 3,111 graduates and undergraduates. We are one of only three colleges whose enrollment grew this year. (The other two are engineering and architecture, planning and design.)

We are proud of that number. We work hard to attract and retain our students through top-notch instruction and opportunities they would not get elsewhere — opportunities such as international travel, professional mentoring and a variety of research possibilities with some of the best-known researchers in their field.

Faculty and staff go the extra mile inside and outside the classroom.

People like Ann Coulson who coaches the personal financial planning student team to a national championship one day and the next day passes out pizza on campus to draw attention to the PFP program.

And Jared Durtschi who makes sure marriage and family therapy grad students understand structural equation modeling, which leads to research, which leads to poster presentations at national conferences.

And Bryan Orthel who arranged a special project for interior design students in Frankfort, Kansas, working with the community to explore repurposing a 1902 schoolhouse.

I could name a hundred.

Friends and alumni are generous with their time and talents.

People like P.J. Wyand, senior catering manager at Marriott Country Club Plaza, who serves as a professional mentor to Joshua Motes, a senior in hotel and restaurant management.

And Jarrod Nichols with Nichols Chiropractic and Holly McPeak with Flint Hills Fitness who provide internship opportunities and speak to classes.

I could name hundreds.

In October, the Kansas State University Foundation launched Innovation and Inspiration, a campaign to raise an unprecedented \$1 billion to support student success, faculty development, research activities, facilities and more.

(The kickoff ceremony was innovative and inspirational. See it at inspire.k-state.edu.)

Faculty development is one of my priorities in the college.

An exceptional faculty attracts exceptional students and fosters excellence that translates into more students and more funding.

One of the 2025 goals sums up the ideal:

We want to build a connected, diverse, empowered, engaged and participatory culture of learning and excellence that promotes student success and prepares students for their professional, community, social and personal lives.

And it starts with a strong faculty that excels in research, scholarly and creative endeavors, and discovery.

Fundamental to being a Top 50 public research university is doing things that have never been done. Fundamental is discovering new knowledge and preparing students to thrive in the world of the future, not just the world of today.

You will meet some of those students on the following pages. Meet others on Faces of Human Ecology, he.k-state.edu/faces.

Impressive group, isn't it?

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Buckwalter".

Dean John Buckwalter



Tweeting dean

The dean, an avid tweeter, photographed this group of College of Human Ecology ambassadors at the fall Welcome Back Coffee for faculty, staff and students in Hoffman Lounge. The students are, from left, Anna Nolte, junior in apparel and textiles; Katie Wunder, sophomore in athletic training; Gina Avita, sophomore in family studies and human services; and Anna Elpers, senior in family and consumer sciences education. Follow the dean on Twitter @johnBuckwalter1.

"I want undergraduate students to know research is fun and empowering."

— Michelle Toews

Toews loves to keep learning — and to pass it along

Michelle Toews admits, "I'm a research nerd."

The associate dean for research and scholarship is also a storyteller.

Here's one of them: Every evening her father asked his three young daughters, "What did you learn today?" If they had no answers, he would send them to the family encyclopedias (he bought the set for Michelle, the oldest, before she was born), opened a page at random and had them write one-page reports on the topic on that page.

"We learned from an early age that not just formal education was important, but the importance of learning something every day," she said.

She continues the family tradition with Mackenzie, 3, and Alexis, 6. But she doesn't make her daughters write random one-page reports. Instead she asks, "What is something you would like to learn about?" And then they Google it.

Another story is about a controversial seventh-grade project: Toews knew in middle school that she wanted to help families, maybe as a child psychologist.

Logically — to her — she built her seventh-grade science fair project around children of divorce. She created a survey and gave 20 to friends whose parents were divorced and 20 to friends whose parents were together. But her science teacher told her that it was not real science and would not allow her poster into the competition. Toews believed it to be as scientific as growing mold on bread.

That experience built one of her soap boxes: the diversity of science.

She turned a bad experience into a successful career and a logical fit into the College of Human Ecology. One of her responsibilities, she said, is to encourage intellectual curiosity and exploration. Research experiences teach critical thinking skills that help in everything a student does.

A college scholarship required her to do community service. Seeking hands-on experience, she convinced the head of



Michelle Toews asks Richardo Russi, Ph.D. student in personal financial planning, about his research at a forum this summer in Justin Hall.

a local residential treatment school for troubled children that she could contribute.

But the beginning caused a tsunami-like impact that continues its hold on the associate dean.

"On my first day as a volunteer, they gave me this stack of files to read, saying that I needed to get to know the children and their lives," she said. "The very first one was about a young girl. It was the most horrific thing I have ever read. No child should have to go through what she had been through. I will never forget those children."

Toews worked at the school throughout her undergraduate years.

At the end, she marched into her adviser's office and said, "We can't help children without working with parents."

Her adviser steered her toward family science at Ohio State University. "This is what I want to do," she declared after she had read about the program. She stayed through her doctorate.

She moved to the Texas Hill Country to teach at South Texas State University, San Marcos. She got tenure, loving research and

her work with students. She and a colleague started the Strengthening Relationships/ Strengthening Families program for pregnant and parenting adolescents, and received nearly \$10 million in funding from the Administration for Children and Families to implement and evaluate. She became the school's assistant director for graduate studies and research.

After 14 years she was busy, thriving and comfortable.

Enter K-State. The associate dean job intrigued Toews. So did her visit to campus this spring.

"I loved K-State. Everyone was so open and welcoming. I saw such passion for moving forward and for students. I've always wanted to be at a place that cared so much about students. We don't have a job if we don't care about students," she said.

When the job offer came, the decision was hard, she said. "I got everybody's perspective. I looked how many days of sunshine Manhattan has a year."

But the truth is this: "I was in Manhattan for two days and it felt like home."

"I really want to make my research something that could possibly be useful for farmers and ranchers in Kansas."

— Kelsie Doty

On display

Most of the exhibit cases in Justin Hall display rotating selections from the Historic Costume and Textile Museum. The collection, part of the Department of Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design, is kept in a climate- and light-controlled secure environment.

In spring 2015, Kelsie Doty, pictured here with *Sunrise in the Orchard*, curated "Arboretum," an exhibit around her master's degree research in natural dyes. Doty, who studied with Sherry Haar, is now an instructor in apparel and textiles.

Her work was inspired by native and exotic trees she found in an arboretum and in the Kansas Flint Hills, trees such as black walnut and Osage orange. She extracted dye from wood chips, wove fabric from natural fibers, designed garments from dyed materials and constructed the garments.

Sunrise in the Orchard is handwoven from cotton, hemp, wool and silk dyed with Quebracho, Osage orange and Logwood.

Doty talks about the exhibit, see Kelsie Doty: Arboretum at vimeo.com/132486211. To hear Doty explain her research, see Kelsie Doty: Natural Dye Research at vimeo.com/132755051.

The current exhibit, "Things that Speak," grew from a creative collaboration between Steffi Dippold, assistant professor of English, and Marla Day, senior curator of the Historic Costume and Textile Museum. Dippold taught a capstone English course, *American Everyday*, in which students researched historic "everyday" objects that included clothing, jewelry, quilts, a family Bible and reading glasses.

Many of the objects came from the museum. For a peek, see aeveryday.omeka.net.



PFP students have advanced to the finals of the national Financial Planning Challenge each year since its inception in 2000, winning five times and placing in the top three nine times.

New doctorate in personal financial planning approved

Students may now earn a Doctor of Philosophy degree in personal financial planning.

The Kansas Board of Regents approved the degree in October. Previously, degrees were in human ecology with a specialization in personal financial planning.

Currently, the program, part of the School of Family Studies and Human Services, has 42 doctoral students.

"We believe that the degree change will help meet the demand for a growing number of researchers, planners and academics," said Dorothy Durband, school director. "An independent degree will provide a strategic advantage for student employment and will help our program continue to thrive."

K-State offers the only known distance-based doctoral degree and the only one that specializes in financial therapy. It is one in only five doctoral programs registered with the Certified Financial Planner Board of Standards.

Sonya Britt is the program director. For more about the program see ipfp.k-state.edu.



The personal financial planning student team – Mariah Bausch, Cole Foster and Hannah Rice – won the national 2015 Financial Planning challenge this fall. The team won a \$10,000 scholarship for the program.

Therapy in the schools: A winner for high schools, grad students



"We see such great needs," said Amber Venum, assistant professor.

"It was exciting and fulfilling to witness change in action," said Prerana Dharnidharka, a doctoral student working in a high school classroom.

"It made me see a better, different me," said a high school student.

All three are part of WoWW, or Working on What Works, a classroom intervention technique that uses a solution-focused approach and positive reinforcement that has become K-State's first crowdfunded research.

The goal: Help students feel more engaged with their peers and teachers and to lead them to take responsibility for their own education. The technique: Be positive, not negative.

Developed for middle school, this is the first time WoWW has been put in high schools in the United States. So far, it has been used across the full range of academic and development classes — gifted, traditional, kids who need extra help — in all grades nine through 12, Venum reports.

WoWW is a part of a 3-year-old school-based family therapy program at Manhattan High School and the Geary County Schools' Freshman Success Academy. Venum leads the program, a partnership between K-State's Family Center and the schools.

Graduate students in the marriage and family therapy program at K-State receive supervision from K-State faculty and work collaboratively with high school counselors and teachers. They help guide a classroom from the usual disciplinary base to a positive base, focusing on what the students do right. "It's nice to know somebody would appreciate what I did," one student commented.

"Basically it's like doing family therapy on a whole classroom. The classroom is a family," Venum said. "It's change that you can see."

For the MFT graduate students, it is a challenging placement, she said. "They deal with two systems — school and family — at once. And some of the stuff these kids have gone through is heart-wrenching."

She added, "The more connections between school and family the better the outcomes for the kids. We help build those bridges."

Venum first at K-State to try crowdfunding

Amber Venum is the first faculty member at K-State trying to fund research through crowdfunding, a method that raises many small amounts of money from a large number of people via the Internet. The donation site is experiment.com/wowww.

"The program is at maximum capacity with our current resources, making the funding critical to further test and revise the program and bring it to other districts asking for it," Venum said.

The project has grown rapidly. Funding for social services and education is declining, she noted. "The current reality is that more traditional sources of funding are under a lot of strain.

"We are doing WoWW in nine classes at Manhattan High School this semester and have more already on the list for next semester," she added.

"Those wanting to add our program envision a school where the kids, parents, and staff feel connected to each other and are invested in creating a positive learning environment that maximizes the potential of all involved."

To donate through the Kansas State University Foundation, see found.ksu.edu/how-to-give.

Phillip Vardiman: New director of athletic training and travelin' man



Vardiman, third from right, with the USA team's medical staff in Beijing.

Phillip Vardiman, associate professor and director of the athletic training program, skipped the first week of school. He had an excellent excuse: He was in Beijing serving as athletic trainer for the USA Track and Field team during the 2015 World Championships.

A mentor recruited him to work with the USA team, and Vardiman has traveled to Japan, China, Austria, Russia, Scotland, El Salvador and Mexico as part of the volunteer medical staff.

Work with the team keeps him involved in the clinical side of his profession. "I appreciate the fact that I am lucky to get to work with the best of the best. These young athletes are incredibly gifted," he said.

"It's an honor to be selected as part of the medical team. But it's always great to get back home and into the classroom," the professor added.

Vardiman, who has a doctorate in kinesiology/exercise science from the University of Arkansas, received the 2015 National Athletic Trainers Association award for service to the profession. He joined K-State this fall, moving to Manhattan from Lawrence.

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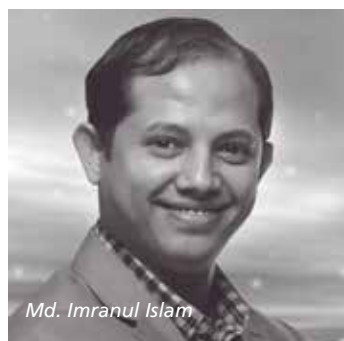
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Our mission is to focus first on people so we encompass human experiences from eating to exercise, from childhood to aging, from environment to finance.

But actually, we focus first on our students.

"We want only the best for them," said associate dean Bronwyn Fees who is charged with promoting academic excellence.

"We can't live without them," laughed John Buckwalter, dean. He's been known to recruit students at community events and snatch prime candidates from other colleges.

Now we are going to show off, proving that our students are the brightest and the best, the most caring and the most active, that they are involved in creating their own destinies and to being partners in their own education.

Meet a few of our more than 3,110 graduate and undergraduate students in the College of Human Ecology.

Md. Imranul Islam, a doctoral student in apparel and textiles from Bangladesh, focuses on environmental sustainability in the apparel manufacturing process. "My country had a great heritage for creating dazzling muslin. The engineered way of apparel manufacturing amazed me a lot, which might be the reason I chose this major," he said. He is active in college organizations. "The cooperative attitudes from students, peers and faculties across the university astonished me and made me feel that that this place is a home," he said.

Taylor Spangler, freshman in family and consumer sciences education from Wichita, said that a high school internship solidified his desire to become a teacher. In a middle school FCS classroom he shadowed a teacher, then taught the class. "That internship taught me so much about education and the impact that teachers have on students, and after experiencing that, I knew that FCSE was right for me," he said. His mother was a FCS educator and is one of his role models. He said he faced teasing from fellow students — and even adults — for his choice but remained steadfast, becoming a leader in the national organization. His goal is to work for the U.S. Department of Education.

Colby Teeman, a doctoral student in human nutrition from Butler, Missouri, came to K-State to work with Sara Rosenkranz on research about the interaction between diet and exercise. As a high school senior attending Missouri Boys State, he took a message from speaker Eric Greitens to heart: If you have the ability to make a difference in the world and in the lives of others, then it is your obligation to do so. It became his motto. He plans to do that by having a positive impact on the health and well-being of others.

Mandel Smith, dietetics distance student, is working on her third degree, one class at a time. She was in extension nutrition education in southeast Pennsylvania and Georgia and was a 4-H agent in North Carolina. She, her husband and children, ages 12 and 16, live in Limerick, Pennsylvania.

Johannah O'Malley, a senior in dietetics, believes that "if dietetics is your passion, public policy should be your passion." She is student representative with the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics political action committee and active in the Kansas organization. "The future of health care is preventative health, and that starts with a healthy and well-balanced diet. I want to be as much of that future as possible," she said. "I value all the life experiences, paths and people who have led me to where I am today." She grew up in Maine and lives in Hiawatha.

Molly DeBusk

Family Studies and Human Services

Derek Lawson

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Makenzie Stansbury

Communication Sciences and Disorders

Cherra Bliss

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Josh Nutsch

Athletic Training

Molly DeBusk, a senior in FSHS and elementary education, said, "I love K-State and could not imagine going to school anywhere else." She has volunteered with organizations that work with children of deployed military, domestic violence and abuse, homeless children and special education. "I will make a difference in children's lives!" she stated. She is from Leawood.

Derek Lawson quit his job and moved to Manhattan to work on a doctorate in personal financial planning (PFP), focusing on behavioral finance, financial/physiological stress and financial therapy research. He earned a master's degree in PFP as a distance student. As a member of the University of Iowa hockey team, he became interested in the business side of the sport. "One hockey injury during my junior year of high school taught me about commitment and resolution," he said. He was the first in his family to graduate from college. He is involved in volunteer work such as Habitat for Humanity. "My wife is more skilled with power tools than I am," he noted.

Dimas Benitez, a FSHS senior from Garden City, worked with troubled teens in his church youth group in Garden City. After taking a few human ecology courses, he realized that family studies was his passion. The son of El Salvadorian immigrants, he is the first in his family to graduate from high school and the first to attend college.

Makenzie Stansbury, a master's student in communication sciences and disorders, said her goal as a speech pathologist is not just to help people, but to empower them as well. "I will use my personal experience with stuttering as motivation for my clients. I can be an example that having a speech or communication disorder doesn't define who you are. I started out in this field hoping to learn how to fix myself, but discovered that I wasn't broken." She adds, "I am still on the journey of self-acceptance and being comfortable in my own skin." She is a certified state of Kansas Long Term Care Ombudsman volunteer and helped start the Kansas chapter of the National Stuttering Association. A first-generation college student, she knew she wanted to be a Wildcat after her first visit to campus.

Cherra Bliss, a senior in FSHS with a minor in American ethnic studies, is passionate about prevention education and "putting people first." She hopes to work with underprivileged youth. The first in her family to attend college, she has a 14-year-old son. "I never believed I was college material," she said. But she knew she needed more education. So she worked two full-time jobs and went to college at the same time. "K-State faculty and staff are phenomenal leaders. I am proud to be part of this amazing family," she said. "People have believed in me since my first day of college." She is from Overland Park. (And she is president of the K-State chapter of the Harry Potter Alliance.)

Josh Nutsch, a senior in athletic training with minor in kinesiology, admits he was a school bully. "Thanks to many great influences, I overcame my insecurities and learned quickly that there is no place for such actions and irresponsibility if I wanted to excel later in life. It took years. Now I strive to live my life with a true morality for right and wrong," he said. By being an athletic trainer, he believes he can help students first develop as athletes, but more importantly, develop as better people in their community. He is from Riley.



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Jennifer Haake



Katelyn Turner



Alexa Menold



Patience Ivy



Kelly Thomson

Chandra Lasley, a third year doctoral student in marriage and family therapy, is an immigrant from Taiwan and says experiences with immigration, culture clash and language barriers taught her the power of family, resilience of individuals, and a passion for justice and culture. "My story has been the fuel and inspiration for my research and clinical interest in resiliency and meaning-making within immigrant families," she said. She loves language and international cuisine. "My time at K-State has made me a better and more well-rounded scholar, therapist, supervisor and person overall," she said. She is from Plano, Texas.

Jennifer Haake, an FSHS senior from Overland Park, said her desire to help others became more significant when her son, now 5, was born with a cleft lip and a cleft palate. "I had the professional services of a hospital social worker to help guide me through the emotional grieving process for my son and to help me understand where to begin his treatment. I want to be that person who individuals and families can rely on when life becomes complicated," she said. College has been a 15-year project for the native of Puerto Rico. As a freshmen, she played piccolo with the Pride of Wildcat Land marching band and flute and clarinet with the University Concert Band. Then she married, became an honors distance student while her husband was in the military and then returned to campus with the family. She can still play the K-State Fight song on the flute.

Katelyn Turner, a senior in apparel and textiles, is graduating from college in three years and still has time to serve as a department ambassador, an undergraduate teaching assistant and director of ATID's 2015 Showcase of Excellence. She interned in Los Angeles with BCBGMAXAZRIA and plans a career on the West Coast. She is from Lenexa.

Alexa Menold, a freshman in interior design from Sabetha, said, "I love the idea of fabricating spaces that create a feeling/mood for people. Interior design pushes me creatively in that I have to bring functionality, aesthetics and human factors all together in a space." In high school she did well in academics and athletics. Now she hopes interior design will push her creativity. She added, "I am just a small-town girl who lived on a farm and hoping to use my college education to take me to who knows where!"

Patience Ivy, a junior from Wichita in athletic training/pre-med, is combining her love of sports with her desire ("since I was a little girl") to be a doctor. She hopes to specialize in sports medicine. Family comes first for the first-generation college student. Family supported her decision to attend K-State, and K-State "made me feel like they cared about me as a person." She grew up in a "not-so-good" neighborhood. "My family and friends are very proud of me, and my goal is to not let them down."

Kelly Thomson, a junior majoring in nutritional sciences/pre-med, plays on the K-State women's basketball team and likes being part of "one big purple family." Her goal is to be a physician with the nutritional background to help patients live the healthiest lives they can. "K-State has helped me realize my potential and that I can make a difference in the world," she said. Two season-ending knee injuries taught her perseverance, she said. "No matter what it is you think you want to do or accomplish in life, there are going to be obstacles." She is from Riley.

Jake Frye

Nutrition and Kinesiology

Myeesha Smith

Hospitality Management

Lloyd Zimmerman

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Kinesiology/Pre-physical Therapy



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Lloyd Zimmerman



Kara Evans



Mary Estes



Shannon Foley

Jake Frye, a nutrition and kinesiology senior in the concurrent Bachelor of Science/Master of Science program, was told, after a high school football injury, that he had permanent brain damage. Depression set in, he quit working out and his weight ballooned to 225 pounds. A movie, "Never Back Down," inspired him to return to the gym. He lost 70 pounds and got involved with band, drama and powerlifting, which "helped me learn discipline and that the biggest battle I can have is with myself." It also led to his selection of a major and his involvement with K-State CrossFit. He has worked in Katie Heinrich's research lab for three years. During high school, he worked at a summer camp with children from troubled homes. There he discovered a passion for helping others. "I'm still pen pals with a few of these kids, and they are constant reminders of the impact we can make in other people's lives if we just put the time in to care about them," he said. He hopes to follow in his father's footsteps and become an educator, helping people make their lives healthier and have fun while doing it. He is from McPherson.

Myeesha Smith, senior in hospitality management from Baltimore, is a military spouse with two children. "This has been a very long journey for me," she said. She is thankful it brought her to Kansas and K-State. "I am not a typical college student. I didn't have a chance to study abroad or get the full experience of college living, but I don't think I would trade it for anything in the world," she said.

Lloyd Zimmerman, a doctoral candidate in personal financial planning, chose his career path in 1992 when he became a Certified Financial Planner. For more than 30 years, he served as a director and co-owner of a rural Kansas bank that focused on helping farm families. Today his research relates to the financial health of family-owned farms, from a personal financial planning perspective. "The person I am today is a result of discovering my interests early in life, beginning to save for retirement at an early age, and making the most each opportunity," he said. He bought his first business in 1977 and made it his life's work until he retired in 2010. He viewed retirement as an opportunity to reinvent himself and decided to pursue a doctorate. He is from Wichita.

Kara Evans, senior in kinesiology, is a fourth-generation K-Stater from The Woodlands, Texas. She was a member of the undergraduate cadaver team and a research assistant. She used a research grant this spring to look at the impact of vitamin C on airways of exercise-induced asthmatics during exercise. In West Africa this summer she volunteered in orphanages for handicapped children and in clinics where physical therapists had minimal access to technology and resources as they worked with babies. "I often look for the next challenge to propel me forward in life," she said.

Mary Estes, a senior in hospitality management, interned this summer with Pinstripes in Minneapolis where she grew her networking skills. She is president of the Hospitality Management Society on campus and is minoring in leadership studies. "In hospitality you have the ability to make someone's day a little bit brighter, no matter if you are directly interacting with guests or if you are working behind the scenes," she said. Mary is from Derby.

Shannon Foley, a junior majoring in kinesiology/pre-physical therapy from Stilwell, loves the courses and people in kinesiology and hopes to pursue a doctorate in physical therapy. "I want to have a direct impact in people's lives," she said. She was a camp counselor for 11- and 12-year-old girls whose parents were disabled or killed in action in the military. Between classes, research projects and her job as communications assistant in the College of Human Ecology, she reads nonfiction books, is learning Italian and works the New York Times crossword puzzle every day.

New department for dietetics, nutrition

The new alignment of the nutrition and dietetics academic programs, approved this summer by Kansas Board of Regents, allows for innovation and growth now and in the future, said Dean John Buckwalter. "It will strengthen the university's reputation in training health and pre-health professionals in the state."

A name for the new department will reflect programs and activities of the academic unit, said Mark Haub, head of the Department of Human Nutrition.

Haub expects the name change, which also must be approved by the regents, to take place this winter.

The dietetics program will continue to support and advance the rich and strong tradition of developing outstanding registered dietitians/registered dietitian nutritionists.

"The change will better allow for curriculum to more easily adapt to the needs of the profession. Our strength in food service management will remain an area of pride and distinction," Haub said.

Human nutrition currently houses another accredited clinical program (athletic training), undergraduate degrees in nutrition, a dual-degree with kinesiology, a Master of Public Health emphasis area (public health nutrition) and a doctoral degree (with emphases in sensory analysis and consumer behavior, nutritional science, public health nutrition and public health physical activity).

The new department will create an environment where our food and health programs will better prepare students to excel in careers as dietitians, nutrition scientists, physicians, athletic trainers and more. While there may be no immediate visible changes within the department, Haub said students will soon notice more integration of concepts from each discipline.

The former Department of Hospitality Management and Dietetics is now the Department of Hospitality Management.

2015 alumni awards

The following were honored at the annual Celebration of Excellence for contributions to their disciplines and the College of Human Ecology:



Andrea Albright, 2005 graduate in apparel and textile science, received the Executive Leadership Award. As vice president, divisional merchandise manager for

intimate apparel at Walmart Stores Inc., Bentonville, Arkansas, she develops product strategy for a multimillion dollar company.



Rae Anderson, 1982 graduate in family life and human development, received the Public Advocacy Award for making a significant impact on issues important to the

field of human ecology. Director of the National Center on Early Head Start and Child Care Partnership, she currently works with Zero to Three helping to ensure that all babies and toddlers have a strong start in life.



Emily Diederich, 1999 and 2001 graduate with bachelor's and master's degrees in kinesiology, received a Rising Professional Award for her work in simulation-based learning. She is a

pulmonary and critical care physician at the University of Kansas Medical Center and serves as endowed director of simulation for the Zamierowski Institute of Experiential Learning.



Colin Noble, who received the Friend of the College Award, helped establish the Noble-McCants Study Abroad Award, served on the hospitality

management advisory board and helped fund a student exchange program between K-State and Ulster University, Northern Ireland. His company has owned or managed more than 125 hotels throughout the United States and Canada.



Andrea Oltjen, 2007 graduate in hotel and restaurant management, received a Rising Professional Award. She is director of catering and events sales with the Martha Washington

& Marta Restaurant, Chelsea Hotels in New York City. She leads the events team responsible for contracting \$2.5 million in catering revenue for the boutique property.

The Financial Planning Association of Greater Kansas received the Partner Award for its sustained partnerships with the college to enhance student and faculty research, internships and other educational opportunities. The association is the pre-eminent organization for financial planning professionals in the Greater Kansas City area, northern Kansas and western Missouri.

Thank you for past, present and future

Friends and alumni make a difference in the lives of our students and faculty in many ways. To explore giving to the College of Human Ecology, see found.ksu.edu/how-to-give or contact Suzanne Dell-St. Clair, senior development director, at suzanned@found.ksu.edu or 785-532-7542.

A bite of K-State history



Fill your gift list and contribute to the college in one swoop.

All proceeds from the sale of *Teatime to Tailgates* support college undergraduate student research and international study opportunities.

The 256-page book, named a 2014 Kansas Notable Book, is packed with history, stories, recipes and photos connected with K-State.

Jane P. Marshall, a food journalist and communications director for the college, wrote *Teatime to Tailgates* for the College of Human Ecology.

The book is available for \$24.95 in 119 Justin Hall and several locations in Manhattan. To order by phone, call the college at 785-532-5500. To order by mail, see he.k-state.edu/150/teatime/orderform.pdf.

In short: A quick look at what's going on in the college

Names in the News

The college has named three postdoctoral fellows: **Justin Guagliana** who works with David Dzewaltowski in kinesiology; **Joshua Novak** who works with Jared Anderson in marriage and family therapy; and **Judith Poey** who works with Gayle Doll in gerontology.

David Thompson, assistant professor, was recognized as Champion for Family and Consumer Sciences by the Kansas Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences.

Hyung-Chan Kim and **Michael Dudek** have been granted the 2015 Dean Barbara S. Stowe Faculty Development Award from the College of Human Ecology to work on a multicultural design studio collaboration with a university in Korea. Both are associate professors in the Department of Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design.

Carol Shanklin, dean of the Graduate School and professor of dietetics, received the 2015 Excellence in Practice Dietetic Research Award from the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Gayle Doll, associate professor and director of the Center on Aging, has been awarded fellow status in the Gerontological Society of America.

The Kansas Dietetic Association has named **Kevin Sauer**, associate professor in the Department of Human Nutrition, the Distinguished Dietitian of the Year.

Craig Harms, professor and head of the Department of Kinesiology, has been elected vice president of the American College of Sports Medicine, or ACSM.

Stu Heckman, assistant professor, received the Best Applied Research Award at the Financial Planning Association national conference for his presentation "Financial Catastrophes Due to Disability: Which Households Are Most at Risk?"

Angela Glean, kinesiology student, is one of the lead authors on a paper in the American Journal of Physiology — Heart and Circulatory Physiology, a high-profile physiology journal with substantial impact on the field.

Edgar Chambers IV, university distinguished professor and director of the Sensory

Analysis Center, judged the finals of the Top Quality Colombian Coffee Competition in Neiva, Colombia. He also was one of the presenters, talking on "Advances in Sensory Evaluation of Coffee."

Bronwyn Fees, associate dean, and three students represented the United States and Kansas State University at the 67th World Organization for Early Childhood Education, or OMEP, conference in Washington, D.C., recently. The students were

Teran Frick, May graduate in early childhood education; **Haley Anderson**, master's student in early childhood education; and **Christina Quigley**, master's student in political science.

Kim Hiller Connell, associate professor, wrote a chapter in the Handbook of Sustainable Apparel Production published recently by CRC Press in New York.

David C. Poole, professor in kinesiology, was chair of a symposium on Threshold Concepts in Athletic Performance at the recent international conference of the American College of Sports Medicine 62nd annual international meeting.

Aaron Simon, junior in apparel and textiles, took top honors in three categories at the recent Alpaca Owners Association competition in Denver. He placed first in design competition, received the Judge's Choice award and was awarded Best Essay.

Emily Vaterlaus Patten, doctoral candidate, and Catherine Metzgar, 2010 graduate, were two of only 10 national winners of a \$10,000 scholarship awarded to dietitians who demonstrate a commitment to the future of the profession through teaching and research from the Commission on Dietetic Registration. Metzgar is president-elect of the College of Human Ecology alumni advisory board.

Kaitlyn Ellis, senior in hospitality management, received a \$2,500 Joe Perdue Scholarship from the Club Managers Association of America Foundation. Ellis is the first student at Kansas State University to receive the honor. She was selected as student speaker at December commencement.

The Journal of Sensory Studies ranks the Sensory Analysis Center, part of the human nutrition department, as producing the most influential sensory research in the world.



Becoming global

During the 2014-15 school year, nearly 120 students participated in study abroad programs, a 30 percent increase from last year. Seven faculty-led study tours included the United Kingdom with Peggy Honey, interior design; Northern Ireland with Kevin Roberts, hospitality management; France with Pat Pesci and Betsy Barrett, hospitality management; Netherlands and Belgium, Martin Seay and Elizabeth Kiss, personal financial planning doctoral program; and China with Joy Kozar, apparel and textiles. Kozar, above with students at the Great Wall of China, collaborated with Zhejiang Sci-Tech University where she taught an apparel class to Chinese students.

Also on campus:

Author, historian and dressmaker **Linda Przybyszewski** discussed "The Role of Home Economics in Fashion Education in the Early 20th Century" in a visit co-sponsored by the Department of Apparel, Textiles, and Interior Design.

Ruben Parra-Cardona presented the second Tony Jurich Lecture on Social Justice, sponsored by the marriage and therapy program. He spoke on "Building Bridges of Social Justice: Embracing prevention research to support Latino/a communities in the U.S. and Mexico."

The School of Family Studies and Human Services sponsored two Australian Fulbright scholars this semester: **Karen Hart** came to learn about social services for disadvantaged youth. Her host was **Elaine Johannas. Vinay S. Rane**, a forensic physician, lawyer and obstetric doctor, talked about maternal health at a lecture in Justin Hall. His host was **Roberta Riportella**.

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