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New to Our Faculty

Todd Barrios, CEC joined the faculty as a clinical instructor in the hospitality administration program. Barrios received his master’s degree in Adult Education from Northwestern State University. He received his Certified Executive Chef from the American Culinary Federation and has 17 years experience in the restaurant field. You can contact Barrios by email at barriostd@sfasu.edu

Jamie Cupit, M.S. joined the faculty as instructor in the fashion merchandising program. Cupit received her master’s from SFA in human sciences with an emphasis in fashion merchandising. She is currently pursuing her doctoral degree. You can contact Cupit by email at jrcpit@sfasu.edu

Dr. Janie Kenner honored at the 2012 HMS Convocation

Dr. Janie Owens Kenner was awarded the Edna Wilkin Teagarden Award for Exemplary Service in Human Sciences. She is an alumna of Stephen F. Austin State University, where she received both her bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Home Economics Education. Kenner went on to receive her doctorate in textiles and clothing from Texas Woman’s University. She is a member of both Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society and Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.

Kenner was recognized for her career achievements in the discipline of Human Sciences. She is a former full professor in the Fashion Merchandising program. She served as adviser to the Fashion Merchandising Club and also to Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society on the local, regional and national levels. Kenner spent 30 years as part of the SFA family. She was honored with the College of Education Teaching Excellence Award in 2004 and the School of Human Sciences Teaching Excellence Award in 1997 and again in 2004.

Congratulations to Dr. Mary Olle

Recipient of the Willie Lee Glass Faculty Spirit Award for 2012—13

With three classes contributing to the success of the SFA Culinary Café, it’s no wonder the student-run restaurant has been such a hit on campus. Advanced Culinary Preparation (HMS 404), Customer Relations in Hospitality (HMS 407) and Accessories in Interiors (HMS 318) students come together each week to create a memorable experience for guests and fellow students. The café is under the direction of Chef Todd Barrios and Dr. Chay Runnels. The students plan the menu, prepare the meal and serve the guests in a fine dining setting twice a week. Leisha Bridwell’s students in HMS 318 design centerpieces that highlight the week’s theme. The café seats approximately 100 guests each week, and has hosted private events as well.

Click on the link below to visit the Culinary Café website.
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Natalie Hensarling, Ph.D., M.S. joined the faculty in the School of Human Sciences as assistant professor in the food, nutrition and dietetics program. Hensarling received her Ph.D. in nutritional sciences from Texas Tech University and will be director for the Dietetic Internship program. You can contact Hensarling by email at nhensarling@sfasu.edu

Shelia Lumar, Ph.D., M.S., M.S., C.F.L. will join the faculty as an assistant professor in the child development and family living program. Shelia received her Ph.D. in nutritional sciences from Texas Tech University and will be director for the Dietetic Internship program. You can contact Lumar by email at lumar@sfasu.edu

Texas Sunset Commission Hearing on Regulation of Interior Design

Dr. Mitzi Perritt, Sally Ann Swearingen, Rhonda Calhoon, Kristine Nilsen, and 26 interior design students, joined by Dr. Baker Pattillo and Dr. Steve Westbrook, recently attended the Sunset Hearing for the regulation (licensing) of interior designers in the state of Texas. Perritt and Kristine Nilsen (a graduate interior design student), provided testimony during the hearing to the importance of maintaining state licensure for the interior design profession.

The interior design profession, which has been licensed for many years, has recently been challenged with a movement to remove the license. This action would have a negative impact on the earning power and prestige of the interior design profession. Designers who complete a four year accredited program of study, the required years of work experience, and the national certification exam would be in the same market as those who had no formal preparation. SFA President Baker Pattillo and Steve Westbrook, Vice President for University Affairs, also attended the hearing.

FGI Trend Forecast 2013 - 2014

Dr. Becky Greer and two fashion merchandising students, Haley Hanks and Rachel Mann, attended the Fashion Group International of Dallas Inc. Trend Forecast 2013-14 Luncheon at the Dallas Market Center. The featured speaker was Andrea Bell, WGSN, Los Angeles. WGSN is a 14-year old firm based in London with 36 teams in 36 countries that track fashion trends. The teams come together twice a year to identify mega-trends. Greer was able to network with fashion industry personnel at the meeting and made contact with alum Amy Harper (’98), Director of marketing, retail relations for Dallas Market Center and Christol Leon (’06), showroom manager for Joseph Ribkoff.

Fall 2012 Freshmen Welcome

The School of Human Sciences hosted the HMS Fall 2012 Freshmen Welcome. Members of various organizations in Human Sciences greeted freshmen and spoke about upcoming events. Students were encouraged to join.

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Fashion Merchandising Program
Displays Reflect the Retail Environment

Two new display cabinets were installed in the Education Annex which held exhibits created by HMS 343 Visual Merchandising students. This makes a total of five cases in this style, patterned after cases in the downtown Dallas Neiman Marcus store and built by SFA’s own carpenters. The cases are located in hallways leading to the Culinary Cafè to increase program visibility to the many cafè patrons.

Viva La France!

Students enrolled in HMS 426 toured Paris and Milan this summer. The course enhanced student learning in the areas of fashion, interior design, interior merchandising, art, architecture, hospitality and business. Students took guided tours to Louvre, Museum of Fashion, Muśee d’Orsay, Chartres Cathedral, Notre Dame Cathedral, Versailles Palace & Gardens, Fashion Designer visit in Paris, Duomo, Italian Fashion School and the Castello Sforzesco.

Interior Design Students Receive Top Honors in Lighting Competition

Interior Design students received top honors at the Dallas Illuminating Engineering Society Student Design Competition.

The Dallas Chapter of the Illuminating Engineering Society hosted a student design competition. Three teams from interior design entered the competition and captured first, second and third place.

Winners of first place design board were teammates Lauren Kulak and Amy Ferguson. Second place went to teammates Julie Scott, Whitney Calderon, and Anahi Reyes. Third place went to teammates LaKeisha Grace and Sarah Rowland.
PLEASE UPDATE US ABOUT “YOU!”

We want to hear what our alumni are doing! Your name will be listed in the next issue if you email your information to:

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Alumni Employment News

Amanda Cerrillo (’12), Bridal Consultant, LaRaine’s Boutique, Hampton, Ga.

Paige Wiseman (’12), E-Commerce Manager, Walter Baker, New York City, N.Y.

Lorren DeLozier (’11), Visual Sales Manager, Dillard’s, Lake Jackson, Texas

Jennifer French (’11), The Edge Manager, Dillards, North Myrtle Beach, N.C.

Gloria Salas (’11), Visual Manager, Saks Fifth Avenue OFF 5th, Cypress, Texas

Claire Fiedler (’10), Assistant Buyer-Seasonal Footwear, Academy Sports + Outdoors, Houston, Texas

Stephanie Gregory (’10), Merchandise Assistant, Charming Charlie, Houston, Texas

Jill Hudnall Blair (’10), Manager, The Buckle, Lufkin, Texas

Kyle Blanton (’11), Nutritionist, WIC, Tyler, Texas

Arria Andrews, (’11), Nutritionist, WIC Program, Dallas, Texas

Allison Healey, (’11), Nutritionist/certifying authority for WIC, Cleburne, Texas

Kasandra Graham, (’10) Nutrition Assistant, Houston ISD, Houston, Texas

Justin Pelham, (’10) Clinical Dietitian, Nacogdoches Medical Center, Nacogdoches, Texas

Natalie Overstreet, (’10) Clinical Dietitian, Trinity Mother Francis, Tyler, Texas

Kenisha Vincent (’11), Double Tree Hotels, Houston, Texas

Reese Neyland (’11), Double Tree Hotels, San Antonio, Texas

Katy Portillo (’10), Hilton Ft. Worth, Ft. Worth, Texas

Bric Alverson (’12), Omni Hotels, Ft. Worth, Texas

Cassie Ellis (’10) Convention & Visitor’s Bureau, Nacogdoches, Texas

Brandis Jamerson (’10), Aloft Hotels, Houston, Texas

Landon Headrick (’12), Disney, Orlando, Fla.

Chris Barnes (’12), Hotel Galves, Galveston, Texas

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