



School of Human Sciences

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Message From The Chair:

Two thousand eight has been a challenging year for everyone with the economic issues we have all had to face.....but, inspite of it all we have had terrific support from our loyal alumni and friends and I would like to take this time to sincerely thank each of you for your generous contributions to the School of Human Sciences. No matter how large or small, each donation has allowed students to participate in activities that have enhanced their education. Your support has allowed faculty to obtain much needed supplies and professional development to keep them sharp and current in their work; and your support has allowed HMS to stay connected to our friends and supporters through alumni events and mailings such as this one.

When times are tough it is especially impressive to realize the support that is behind you. And, I know all the faculty in the School of Human Sciences join me in saying THANK YOU for your love of SFA and THANK YOU for always being there.

As you read through this issue you will see and feel the enthusiasm of the faculty. Again, enrollment is up because students know that the School of Human Sciences is offering them a valuable experience. We hit an all time enrollment of over 600 majors! Faculty are creating new opportunities for experiential learning....study abroad is live and well! Faculty are working closely with student organizations to make each student's educational experience rich and rewarding and they are dedicated to our mission of providing students with an opportunity to understand their responsibilities as global citizens.

I hope you enjoy this review of what the School of Human Sciences has accomplished in 2008! Happy Holiday season! CHEERS

Lynda Martin

More to Come.....

- M.S Online Program
- Excursions
- Awards
- Edna Wilkin Teagarden Alumni Award
- New Faculty
- Student Success



Congrats to Dr. Janie Kenner

Faculty Spirit Award

'07-'08

Human Sciences Celebrates a Name Change

Stephen F. Austin State University celebrated the new status of the School of Human Sciences on Wednesday, April 9th, 2008. The Department of Human Sciences is now known as the "School of Human Sciences." According to Dr. Becky Greer, Assistant Director of Human Sciences, the new name better reflects the specialized and professional programs offered by the school and the overall educational experience of graduates.

Speakers at the celebration included Dr. Lynda Martin, Human Sciences Director; Dr. John Jacobson, Dean of the James I. Perkins College of Education; Dr. Gloria Durr, former chair of Human Sciences; and Paul G. Pond, SFA Regent, and his wife, Lila Long Pond.

Thank you faculty, staff, students, friends and alum for your support!





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Food and Nutrition

Ashlee Moran is a senior in the School of Human Sciences majoring in Food and Nutrition (non-dietetics) with a minor in communications. She plans to pursue a career in food journalism upon graduation in May of 2009. This summer she did a full-time internship at The Daily Sentinel as a feature writer with a focus on food. Moran covered many events related to The Texas Blueberry Festival and wrote feature stories on community supported agriculture, health benefits of blueberries, National Dairy Month and canning at home. Two articles by Moran that highlighted SFA— SFA students excavate Durst-Taylor House and SFA names new AARC director—were featured on the SFA homepage with a link to the story. During her internship, Moran also gained valuable experience by learning all aspects of a newsroom and its daily operation. Moran learned to cover a “beat” when a reporter unexpectedly left the newsroom. She covered the country beat during an intense time when the commissioners court was compiling a county-wide budget for the 2008-2009 year.

The School of Human Sciences and the Food and Nutrition program are very proud of Ashlee’s success this summer and looking forward to more students pursuing this track.



***Edna Wilkin Teagarden Alumni Award
Exemplary Service in Human Sciences***

Dr. Delores Durr Basden honored at the 2008 Convocation

Dr. Basden graduated cum laude from SFASU in 1979 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Foods and Nutrition. She continued her education with a Master of Science in 1980 from Auburn University and a Diploma of Science in 1983 from the University of New England in Armidale, Australia. In 1990, she received the Doctor of Medicine from the University of Texas Medical School in Houston.

While a student at SFA, Dr. Basden was active in the Student Government Association and Chi Omega Social Sorority. Her recognitions included the Silver Trivet Award for Nutrition, Outstanding Scholarship Graduate from Chi Omega, and Outstanding Scholar from the Panhellenic Council.

Dr. Basden resides with her husband John in Tuscon, Arizona, where she is a Radiation Oncologist with Arizona Oncology Associates. She is the daughter of Drs. Kenneth and Gloria Durr of Nacogdoches.



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<http://sfaonline.sfasu.edu/hms/>

Dietetic Program

What Happens in VEGAS stays in VEGAS

Summer II session included a course titled "Las Vegas Tourism", taught by Dr. Carl Pfaffenberg. Students were exposed to the five pillars of tourism for Las Vegas, Nevada; Lodging, Food & Beverage, Activities/Entertainment, Travel and Retail. The highlight of the course was a five night visit to Las Vegas commencing on July 27th. The group stayed at Harrah's in the center strip area. All were registered for the Destination Marketing Association International annual convention being held at Caesars Palace. In addition to attending the convention, tours were conducted at the Wynn Resort, Caesars Palace, the Las Vegas Convention Center, the Mirage, the Bellagio, and the MGMGrand. Many connections were made by Claire Tucker, Business Development Manager at the MGMGrand and a hospitality administration graduate of SFASU in August, 2007. Our thanks to Claire. All the students returned with an appreciation that the opportunities for hospitality graduates is virtually unlimited.



Students Touring the famous Wynn Suite Balcony in Las Vegas

Phi Upsilon Omicron Wins Regional Award

The Human Sciences honor society, Phi Upsilon Omicron, received the Best Professional Project award for Region 3 for its work with the Nacogdoches Christian Women's Job Corps (CWJC) during the '07-'08 academic year. The CWJC is a national organization which offers job training to at-risk women. The CWJC trains a new class of "students" each fall and spring.

The project began with an invitation from the CWJC director, Ms. Melba Tiller, to evaluate the furniture layout of the existing office space and propose a more functional and attractive plan. Phi U members measured the office and inventoried all furniture and equipment. Three teams were formed with each challenge to create a new layout.

The '08-'09 Phi U President, Emily Silliman, and chapter co-advisor Ms. Carol Bradley will accept the Region 3 Professional Project Award for the chapter at the national Conclave in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

London Through the Ages

Twenty-six students and faculty traveled to England May 12-26 to study firsthand the varied architecture and interiors of England. The 23 sites visited represented 400 years of period style beginning with the study of Egyptian, Grecian, and Roman artifacts in the British Museum of Art and progressing to a tour of the post-modern City Hall of London.

Prior to each site visit, students presented individual reports on the architectural significance of the structure. Once inside the building, students analyzed the furniture, furnishings, and decorative arts. As a culminating assignment, students traced the influence of the styles of antiquity—Egyptian, Greek, and Roman—on the development of period styles through the ages.

In addition to architectural and interior history, students also studied the incorporation of sustainability into present day English life and compared English contemporary culture to that of America. Students received three hours of credit for the 14-day study abroad experience.

Fashion Merchandising Sweeps FGI Again

FCD Program Still Going Strong

The Child and Family Development Program welcomed new faculty member Dr. Tara Newman. Dr. Newman will teach child development and family courses at the undergraduate and graduate level, and will be the co-advisor of the Child and Family Development Club. Dr. Saracino and Dr. Newman along with club members will attend the national Conference on Family Relations in Little Rock, AK in November.

The Child and Family Development program continues to grow in numbers, and a new On-Line Head Start Completer Program is being proposed in order to assist Head Start teachers with an Associate of Applied Science degree to earn a bachelor's of science degree in child family development. Students in Texas and across the nation will be eligible to apply for the completer program which has a projected start date of Fall, 2009



Students and Faculty Leaders, Mrs. Leisha Bridwell and Dr. Mitzi Perritt in London

New to Our Faculty

Dr. Newman, a true SFA alum, has been working with children and their families for 16 years in a variety of capacities. Beginning as a caregiver for children in early childhood programs, she soon began working as a parent educator. Later, as a public school teacher, Dr. Newman taught at all grade levels (K-12) in ESL and Bilingual classrooms. Her areas of specialization and expertise include Early Childhood Education, Democratic Environments, and Socio-emotional Development. Dr. Newman will be joining the Child and Family Development program as an Associate Professor Fall 08.

Welcome Tara!



Fashion Merchandising Students