



*School of Human Sciences
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Message From The Director:

This year has been a very busy one for the School of Human Sciences!

We have added four new certificate programs in Hospitality Administration (an on line undergraduate and an on line graduate certificate) as well as in Construction Management and Facilities Management. These certificates allow individuals to obtain certification without having to complete an entire degree.

We have secured two new grants totaling over \$600,000 in funding from the U. S. Dept of Agriculture and the Texas Education Agency. One grant is to help Head Start Employees in obtaining a BS Degree in Child and Family Development and the TEA grant is to help Texas teachers implement the new TEKS belonging to three Career Path Clusters (Education and Training; Hospitality; and Human Services). Julie Wiersig is our new grant manager for the TEA Grant. Please welcome her at juliew@sfasu.edu.

In addition, the Child and Family Development faculty have begun an on line Head Start Completer Program to help Head Start employees complete their B.S. totally on line at SFA!

Our Phi U Honors Chapter received the Region 3 Award for Best Professional Project for academic year 2008-2009 for outstanding community service. And, our Fashion student placed 3rd in the fashion trend board competition at Dallas Career Day. The President of SFA Student Government Association is a Hospitality Major and the current student Board of Regents member is a Fashion Merchandising major!

This year, our enrollment in the School is up 40%, and everyone is energized and enthusiastic as we approach these holidays. Please come by and visit us. Interior Design students have wonderful Senior Projects up, and FCS students are hosting high school groups on a regular basis. Hospitality students are cooking some wonderful lunches - open to the public twice a week. And Food, Nutrition and Dietetic students are working intensely in the community on obesity/healthy eating initiatives.

We would love to hear from you. Please send us a business card for our Alumni/Friends bulletin board. And, enjoy this wonderful season with family and friends.

Sincerely,

Lynda Martin, Director

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Wishing you and yours a very joyful holiday season! Hope you enjoy our four page Winter 2009 newsletter. Please send us your business card for our alumni board and let us know how you are doing.



Edna Wilkin Teagarden Alumni Award Exemplary Service in Human Sciences

Sandra Hale Schoen honored at the 2008 Convocation

Sandra Hale Schoen graduated from SFA in 1984 with a Bachelor of Science degree. She is a licensed interior designer in the State of Texas with over 28 years of design work experience in sales and facility management.

Sandra has established a successful career in Houston's commercial interior design market. She began her design career immediately after graduation from SFA and has compiled an impressive resume of work with notable Houston companies such as Penzoil and SL Design. For the past ten years, she has focused on healthcare design with the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center. As Senior Interior Designer/Planner with Capital Planning and Management, her responsibilities are varied and include the maintenance of the center's Design Standards Program.

HMS 480 Students Host First Annual Pineapple Awards

The students of HMS 480 hosted their first Pineapple Awards and honored White Lodging Services C.E.O. Bruce White. The Pineapple Award was established to honor a partner in excellence of the hospitality program.

The evening consisted of a reception, a silent auction and a seated dinner. The silent auction contained items from various supporters. A 2-night stay at the Courtyard by Marriott, 2 tickets to Dallas Stars Hockey game, and a one weekend for two at the Hotel Fredonia was among the many items that were auctioned.

The students were able to raise \$3,000 from the auction and approximately \$1,000 on ticket sales. All proceeds went to benefit the hospitality administration program.



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



Phi Upsilon Wins Regional Award

The Beta Upsilon Chapter of Phi Upsilon Omicron won the Region 3 Award for Best Professional Project for academic year 2008-2009. The region includes six states and universities such as Texas Tech, Texas

Christian University, Texas Woman's University, Oklahoma State, and Kansas State. Under the theme "A Century and a Half of Enlightenment: The Old University Building," the chapter provided a variety of services to the historic National Register and Texas Landmark structure. Members drew the building's floor plans for use by a fire sprinkler company in preparing a sprinkler system for the property. Other activities included cleaning of the museum displays and developing museum-quality signage.

Dallas Career Day Style Symposium

Dana Padgett and Alexandria Smart, fashion merchandising majors, received honors at the Dallas Career Day Style Symposium. Dana placed third in the DAVACO merchandising competition where she designed a merchandising plan for Kenneth Cole New York. Alexandria placed third in the fashion trend board competition in the mohair category, and her winning board will be on display at the State Fair of Texas.

Congratulations to both Dana and Alexandria!

Study Abroad

Dr. Chay Runnels and Mrs. Carol Bradley accompanied 15 students to France, Germany and Switzerland to study various lodging facilities, wineries and other tourist destinations. Students experienced the different regions' distinctive and world-renown cuisine by exploring the food and culture through dining experiences.



Another Successful Year for HMS 404 Quantity Food

HMS 404 Quantity Food had another successful year hosting several functions which included cuisines from Africa, Greece, France and America. Students enrolled in the class teamed up to create various cuisines throughout the fall and spring semester. Each team decorates according to the culture, and practices service, and sanitation and table setup.

Students sold tickets for each function to the public. Anyone interested in attending future functions can call the main office, 468-4502, for more information.



20th Century Wedding Dresses

The class of HMS 232 Twentieth Century Costume presented twentieth century wedding dresses at the Nacogdoches Heritage Festival vintage fashion show attended by 90 individuals. The "I Do" presentation allowed the students to research an era of weddings, develop a script, and prepare and show a dress. The dresses were from the 1900's to 1980's. The dresses were worn by women from Nacogdoches, TX.



Roxanne Poole, a SFA graduate in hospitality administration, was recently featured in the White Lodging Commitment to Excellence newsletter. A patron, impressed with her customer service, wrote the company praising Roxanne's "can-do" attitude. Roxanne is employed with the Holiday-Inn Arboretum in Austin, Texas.

Way to go Roxanne!

Interior Design Students Showcase Senior Work

Seventeen senior interior design students showcased their portfolios in the "Essence of Design" exhibit April 1-30, 2009, in the Ralph W. Steen Library on the campus of Stephen F. Austin State University. Each student designed and constructed an original 8'x8' structure on which to display their two- and three-dimensional projects completed during their design curriculum at SFASU. Projects included residential and commercial floor plans, elevations, electrical/lighting layouts, building sections, and models as well as displays of selected fabrics, textures, and furnishings to complement each interior design project. Students also exhibited projects from their art curriculum including ceramics, photography, and digital media. Students were honored on April 1 with an opening reception hosted by the School of Human Sciences.

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



Fashion Merchandising majors Giovanni Perez, Whitney Whorley and Erica Siri pose with Peggy Wright and the wedding dress she wore in the 1940's.



New to Our Faculty

Michelle Jones, an SFA alum, has joined the School of Human Sciences faculty as an Instructor in Fashion Merchandising. Michelle graduated from SFA with a BS in Fashion Merchandising in 2004. She is currently pursuing her Ph.D. through Texas Tech.



*Congrats to
Dr. Becky Greer*
**Faculty Spirit Award
'09-'10**

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Morgan Tomberlain Appointed Student Regent

Morgan Tomberlain was appointed by Governor Rick Perry as the university's student regent. She received her bachelor's degree from Human Sciences in fashion merchandising in May 2009 and is currently pursuing a master's degree from Human Sciences.

Morgan is an alumnus of Alpha Chi Omega and served as the executive director of the Student Foundation Association. She received the Outstanding Academic Achievement award for fashion merchandising and the Academic Excellence and Board of Regents scholarships for all four years of her undergraduate education.

Currently Morgan is manager of the Mud Hut, a pottery studio in Longview, but is planning to open a boutique, Morgan Abbigail, next spring.



Congratulations to Morgan!