



# STEPHEN F. AUSTIN STATE UNIVERSITY



## Upcoming Events!

March 8

[AustraLearn to speak in HMS Classes](#)

April 2

[Third Annual Louisiana Regional College Career Fair](#)

May 21

[Leadership Honors Bootcamp](#)

Don't miss out! If you would like to join us at any of these events or would like more information, please call 936-468-4502.

## Learn about our master's degree online



## Welcome!

*Lynda Martin, Ph.D., Director and Professor*

All of us in Human Sciences want to express our deep gratitude to you.....wonderful supporters who have helped us with generous donations throughout the last several years. Your generosity helps us immensely in these tight fiscal times. We have been able to keep our programs of top quality and our faculty and students have been able to stay involved in the most current and relevant issues in their fields.

Having just finished the Super Bowl, we were very proud to have 3 HMS students participate and help in the hospitality of that event. As one of the top four programs in the state, we have new state of the art food labs and are signing an articulation with Le Cordon Bleu (one of many) to provide our students a culinary experience that compliments the strong management content they receive in our hospitality program. In addition, we have 2 new hospitality on-line certificate programs that will serve the industry well. This year, Dr. Wittenbach retired and we wish her well. Dr. Kenner also retired from our Fashion Merchandising program area (and is doing well with her new activities). We are currently searching for a 3<sup>rd</sup> faculty member to fill her position. Fashion merchandising students are extremely involved in Fashion Group International and the student club has grown by leaps and bounds. Our interior design program is preparing for a CIDA accreditation visit this spring, and our Design Center, managed by Shannin Williams is very busy buying and advising offices around campus on the appropriate furnishings for their facilities. We also have a new on-line health care interior design program that has been recognized as one of the top three in the nation! Speaking of national programs.....our On Line Head Start Completer Program is growing rapidly and provides an opportunity for Head Start employees to complete their

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**Congrats to**

**Dr. Marie Saracino**



**Faculty Spirit Award**

**'10-'11**

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baccalaureate degree while continuing to work. This program area has a \$330,000 grant from the United State Dept of Agriculture to help these Head Start employees achieve this goal. Food, Nutrition and Dietetics is also preparing for two CADE accreditation site visits next fall.....And, this program area has opened a nutrition counseling lab in the human sciences building. They have also secured a \$150,000 grant to help secondary teachers implement nutrition as a fourth high school science. Family and Consumer Sciences is involved in a Distance Education Alliance with several universities across the state to provide BS degrees to those interested in teaching FCS, and they have also secured a \$300,000 state grant from TEA to help new teachers implement new TEKS,. As you can see we stay busy in Human Sciences! In spite of the pending budget cuts we are determined to continue to serve our students in the most excellent way possible.

Thank you again for your support. Every dollar of donation is put to good use.....and now more than ever it is needed. Please enjoy the enclosed update.

***Keep us in mind and please come visit if you can!***

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Lynda Martin, Director

School of Human Sciences

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## **Robert Levy II honored at the 2010 Convocation**

Robert Levy II graduated from SFA in 12001 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He presently serves as the General Manager of Springhill Suites in Austin North, a Marriott property in Austin, Texas.

Robert was selected as the recipient of the *Edna Wilkin Teagarden Alumni Award for Exemplary Service in Human Sciences* due to his phenomenal success since graduation. By 2004, he had already been promoted to the position of general manager and has now served in that capacity at three Marriott properties. He is highly esteemed by his mother company White Lodging Services Corporation where his success story is highlighted in corporate literature.

The School of Human Sciences is proud of Robert's accomplishments. His dedication to his field was evident at SFA through his continuous scholastic achievement. His name frequently appeared on the Dean's List, and he was a member of the Phi Upsilon Omicron and Phi Eta Sigma honor societies.

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Congratulations to Phi Upsilon  
Omicron!

Phi Upsilon Omicron received 3<sup>rd</sup> place for their national professional project. The project was at Buckner Family place in Lufkin monetary award. The national president of Phi Upsilon Omicron visited the organization's 2010 initiation held in the School of Human Sciences.

## New Dean of James I. Perkins College of Education



Dr. Judy A. Abbott was named dean of the James I. Perkins College of Education. Prior to coming to SFA, Dr. Abbott served as Assistant Dean of the College of Human Resources and Education at West Virginia University. She received her Ph.D. in curriculum and instruction from the University of Texas.

Welcome to SFA Dr. Abbott!

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## JCFR Thanksgiving Service Project

Starting Fall 2010, Jacks Council on Family Relations implemented a special service project to help throughout the Nacogdoches community. This semester we adopted five families from the Nacogdoches

GETCAP Head Start who were in need of a Thanksgiving meal. We acquired information about these families such as how many members, their ages and gender. Each box was filled to the rim with a turkey and food



items for a complete Thanksgiving meal, as well as crayons, coloring books, coats, a packet of fun family activities, and a special treat for each mother. Hospitality Administration students prepared a home-made pumpkin pie for each family to enjoy. The goal of this project was to provide families with a holiday meal and the opportunity to bond and spend time with each other. JCFR members enjoyed personally delivering the boxes to each family. JCFR hopes to continue this project next year and engage the participation of all the program areas within the School of Human Sciences.

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## Dr. Janie Kenner Retirement



After twenty-five years of service to SFA, Dr. Janie Kenner, Professor in fashion merchandising, retired. School of Human Sciences honored Dr. Kenner with a reception. She was presented with a collection of letters from colleagues, friends and former students. She will be missed!



Members of Girl Scout Troop 1676 participated in an etiquette dinner at Pineywoods Country Club. The girls were taught proper dining etiquette by the Human Sciences Family and Consumer Sciences Teacher Certification majors.

The SFASU students are: Meagan Harris, Sponsor Mary Olle, Emily Sliter, Stephanie Rogers, and Tracy Pyle.

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## Another Successful Year for HMS

## 404 Quantity Food

HMS 404 Quantity Food had another successful year hosting several functions held in the new dining room, COE Annex 121. 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.

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## New to Our Faculty

Brandon Burr, Ph.D. joined the faculty in the School of Human Sciences as Assistant Professor in child and family development. Dr. Burr received his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in Human Environmental Sciences.



Welcome to SFA Dr. Burr!

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## Sydni Mitchell Appointed Student Regent



Sydni Mitchell was appointed by Governor Rick Perry to serve as Student Regent for Stephen F. Austin State University for 2010-2011. She received her bachelor's degree from Human Sciences in child and family development in May 2010 and is currently pursuing a master's degree in public administration.

Syndi will take office June 1, replacing Morgan Tomberlain. Congratulations to Sydni!

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## **HMS 419 Students Give Back to Community**

HMS 419 students were involved in a community project for the Women's Shelter thrift store. The manager's office was in bad shape, unorganized and not finished. Students developed plans for organization and renovation of the office. The project was completed by the end of the semester and resulted in 153 volunteer hours. The students made remarks in their how contribution to the betterment of the community opened their eyes to the needs of others and would continue to give back to the community in other ways.

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## **Graduate Students Attend Healthcare Design Conference**

Graduate students enrolled in HMS Master's program with emphasis in Health Care Design met at the Healthcare Design Conference in Las Vegas, NV in November, 2010. Anne Marie Philbrook, master's student, conducted a panel discussion on hospice design. The group enjoyed keynote speakers and found the conference to informative concurrent sessions and a large healthcare vendor exhibit. Since the program is totally online, students were able to meet each other for the first time.

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## **SFA Signs Articulation Agreement with Le Cordon Bleu**



SFA and Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts in Austin joined forces and signed an agreement allowing students from both schools to transfer credits to the other school.

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Students in HMS 137