Twenty-Fifth Annual FACS Alumni Luncheon

University of Central Arkansas

The twenty-fifth annual FACS alumni luncheon was held on April 27, 2012 on the UCA campus. Approximately 150 people attended this year’s luncheon! The theme was “Preserving our History, Sustaining our Present, and Building our Future.” Attendees enjoyed a wonderful presentation by Kellie Clements entitled “Where Can You Go?”

From the Archives: The first Alumni Luncheon was held in spring of 1988 and was organized by the faculty to celebrate and recognize individuals who had been instrumental in providing support for the “survival” of the then Home Economics program. At the first luncheon, three alums and a “friend” of the program were recognized for their leadership and support for the continuation of the department. The three alums are Mrs. Emily Oates of Morrilton, Mrs. Cecily Coffelt-Bullard of North Little Rock, and Mrs. Connie Westbrook of Conway. The “Friend Award” for Distinguished Service was presented to Senator Stanley Russ. All of these individuals have established FACS scholarships for our students.
Distinguished Alumni

Judy Fisher received her Bachelor of Science at Henderson State University and completed her Master of Science in Education at UCA in 1986. She earned post-graduate work at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. Judy has a variety of professional work experiences including: Research Associate at Memphis State University, Adjunct Instructor at Arkansas State University, teaching positions in Malvern and Cherry Valley School Districts. In 2000, Judy move to Nashville, TN where she was involved in a wide range of service opportunities for the Nashville community and Belmont University including: Interior Design for new buildings, Honorary Chair of major fund raising events, and Board of Directors of Kiwanis Club of Downtown Nashville where she served as President in 2010-2011. Judy has also co-authored with her husband the book, *Life is a Gift*, published in 2008. She married her high school sweetheart in 1970 and they are the proud parents of two daughters, Jennifer of Brentwood, TN and Kelly of New York City and one son, Rob of Little Rock. They have six grandchildren.

Marcia Atkinson received her Bachelor of Science in Nutrition with a minor in Honors College—Interdisciplinary Studies from UCA in 1994. She completed a Master of Science in Health Services Administration from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock in 1996. Prior to earning her BS degree she worked for several restaurant chains including McDonald’s where she worked in all aspects of business management. In 1996 Marcia joined the Heart Clinic of Arkansas in Little Rock as Chief Executive Officer where she led the Physician’s group in its strategic growth from a seven partner group to a practice of 30 cardiologists with four main officers and 18 outreach locations covering central Arkansas. Beginning January 1 of this year, she became the Vice-President and Administrator of the Jack Stephens Heart Institute where she provides leadership and oversight of the physician practices owned by the Jack Stephens Heart Institute including St. Vincent North in Sherwood and St. Vincent Infirmary in Little Rock. Marcia has served on numerous boards including the American Heart Association—Arkansas Affiliate Board Chair in 2009-2010 and was recently appointed to Governor Beebe’s Health Information Exchange Council. Additionally, she has received many honors including the Health Services Administrator of the year in 2007 from UALR and Administrator of the year in 2010 from the AMAGMA.
Distinguished Alumni

Priscilla Riedel-Cohan received her Bachelor of Science in FACS Education in 1989, completed the Nutrition DPD courses in 1988, the Dietetic Internship and the Master of Science in December of 2000. She began her professional career teaching Family & Consumer Sciences and science in public schools before returning to UCA to complete requirements for the Registered Dietitian credential. Priscilla has a variety of work experiences as a clinical dietitian and in the area of food systems management. Priscilla has served as an adjunct faculty member in Houston Texas Community College where she teaches nutrition to nursing majors. She is President and owner of PriDe Performance Consulting in Houston, TX. She is a member of several professional associations including the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics and the Society for Nutrition Education where she has served in leadership positions. She is the author of several nutrition related publications including *Strategies for Managing Nutrition Services for Children with Special Needs* and Financially-

Distinguished Service Award Winners

Each year the FACS Alumni Association selects an individual to be honored as a “friend” of the FACS Alumni Association for the “Distinguished Service Award”. This year we are honored to present this award to two very special people that have shown tremendous support for the FACS Department and the Alumni Association, Rush and Linda Harding. Both are graduates of UCA and he serves as a member of the UCA Board of Trustees. Last year they established an endowed scholarship for a deserving student majoring in the area of Family & Consumer Sciences in honor of his mother, Martha Stone Harding, one of our Distinguished Alums.
Distinguished Alumni Young Achiever Award Winner

Kellie Clements received her BS degree from UCA in Interior Design in December of 2001, when she was also the Captain of the Cheerleading squad that won the National Championship Cheer Competition in April of 2001. She began her professional career as an Assistant Buyer / Store Merchandiser and freelance interior designer. She has served as Lead Designer for a Residential Home Builder and as a Design Consultant for I. O. Metro. She has been the Featured Designer for Oklahoma Parade of Homes and for the Oklahoma Symphony Show Home. She is the owner and operator of her own business, “Modern Whimsy Interior.”

Kellie recently launched her own furniture line, “Modern Whimsy Home” which features one-of-a-kind vintage pieces designed in her signature style of bright colors and bold patterns. The “art-full” furniture pieces are available for purchase on-line from her web site: www.modernwhimsyinteriors.com.

In 2011 she was chosen from thousands of applicants from across the country, to compete on the HGTV Design Star show for a chance to have her own HGTV show. She finished four of the 12 designers and was voted “Fan Favorite” by viewers and earned her personal online HGTV Design Series titled “Designing the Details.”

Scholarship Recipients

This year 27 scholarships were awarded during the Alumni Luncheon!

- The Adams-Lindsay-Webb Endowed Scholarship was presented to Alexandria Bridges, Allison Sharp, Elizabeth Mayes, Caroline Fridell, Candice Casebier, Cara Erwin, Rita Li, Luaryn Impson, and Kerriann McKee.
- The Georg Andersen Interior Design Scholarship was presented to Adrienne Meachum.
- The Cecily Coffelt-Bullard Endowed Scholarship were awarded to Rachel Casebier, Nancy Magee, and Brooklyn Pyburn.
- The Grace Dupree Endowed Scholarship was presented to Amy Finster and Courtney Condren.
- The Martha Stone Harding Endowed Scholarship was awarded to Brittnie Williams.
- The Mary Ann and Andrew Hiegel Endowed Scholarship was given to Angela Bradshaw, Sarah Stephen, Shelby Waire, and Blanca Torres.
- The National Wall Covering Endowed Scholarship was presented to Amanda Harden.
- The Nina Russ Endowed Scholarship was presented to Molly Taylor and David Bynum.
- The Emily Oates Scholarship was awarded to Heather Hall.
- The Connie Westbrook Scholarship was presented to Daniella Utrera.

Family and Consumer Sciences Scholarship Contribution

Your name: __________________________________________
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Please apply my contribution to the following FACS Scholarship Fund

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Sarah Stephen, Angela Bradshaw, Mary Hiegel, Shelby Waire and Blanca Torres

(back): Candice Casebier, Alexandria Bridges, Lauryn Impson, Allison Sharp, Cara Erwin,

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Shelly Bixler and Mandee Harden

Dora Dinman and Heather Hall

David Bynum, Senator Stanley Russ, and Molly Taylor

Connie Westbrook and Danielle Utrera
DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI – NOMINATION FORM

Department of Family and Consumer Sciences
University of Central Arkansas

The Alumni Committee requests your assistance in the nomination process for naming distinguished alumni in Family and Consumer Sciences at the University of Central Arkansas. The committee has established criteria to recognize individuals that have made outstanding achievements representing the profession.

The committee plans to recognize individuals in TWO categories:

YOUNG ACHIEVER (less than 15 years in the profession).

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI (more than 15 years in the profession).

Please assist the committee by nominating one (or more) deserving alumni and returning your nomination form ASAP or by February 1, 2013.

Please provide as much information concerning your nominee as possible.

Name of Nominee: ____________________________ Category: (Check One)

Address: ___________________________________ Young Achiever: ______

__________________________________________ Distinguished Alumni: ______

Telephone: (Work) ________________________

(Home) ________________________

E-mail ________________________

Cell ________________________

Please enclose a copy of ONE of the following:

The nominee's resume and phone number to contact the individual to obtain additional information.

-----OR-----Complete the following information (please attach on separate sheet)

I. Professional Work Experience
II. Professional Memberships and Offices held
III. Professional Activities: (presentations, publications, etc.)
IV. Community Service Activities

V. Summarize a few key points why you feel this individual should be selected.

PLEASE RETURN TO:
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