



College of Human Environmental Sciences

University of Missouri ~ Columbia

Pride...In Achievements and Excellence

2006 – 2007 Highlights

PRIDE IN ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Undergraduate enrollment** increased 35% from fall 1996 (872) to fall 2006 (1,175).
- **Graduate enrollment** increased 38% from fall 1996 (228) to fall 2006 (315).

PRIDE IN STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Meredith Evans**, School of Social Work masters student, has been awarded one of five nationally competitive internships at the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C.
- **Katherine Gibbs** (Human Development and Family Studies), **Bradley Harr** (Nutritional Sciences), and **Kimberly Kaiser** (Nutritional Sciences), were all chosen as one of the 39 seniors selected for the "Mizzou 39" awards. Recipients are chosen based on their academic achievement, leadership, and service to Mizzou and the community.
- **Sara Harrier**, School of Social Work masters student, was one of only seven selected internationally for a Congressional Fellow on Woman and Public Policy from the Women's Research and Education Institute in Washington, D. C.
- **Jim Heinzer**, Personal Financial Planning student, was one of four students to receive a Financial Planning Association Scholarship.
- **Raymond Jordan**, Personal Financial Planning, was inducted into the Mystical Seven at MU. The Mystical Seven is a secret honor society which selects the seven most outstanding men and women on campus on the basis of their good works throughout the community and unselfish leadership ability.
- **Andrew Muriuki**, School of Social Work, received the 2007 MU Graduate Student Association Superior Achievement Award.
- **Sanjukta Pookulangara**, Textile and Apparel Management doctoral student, was chosen for the International Textile and Apparel Association Graduate Fellowship for 2006-2007.
- **Nori Porter**, doctoral candidate in Human Development and Family Studies, was selected as a recipient of the John B. Bies International Travel Scholarship to complete library research for her dissertation in Japan.
- **Kelly Stevens**, Textile and Apparel Management student, was chosen for the International Textile and Apparel Association 2006-2007 American InterContinental University Study Abroad in London Design Scholarship.
- **Scott Tobias**, Human Development and Family Studies doctoral candidate, won one of two Anderson Graduate Teaching Assistant Awards given by MU.

PRIDE IN FACULTY/STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- **Stephen Ball**, Nutritional Sciences and HES Extension, received the 2007 Provost Award for Creative Extension Programming by New Faculty Award.
- **Ann Cohen**, HES Extension, received the MU Extension Ronald Turner Global Award.
- **Marilyn Coleman** and **Lawrence Ganong**, Human Development and Family Studies, released a new book entitled *Family Life in 20th Century America*, published by Greenwood Press.
- **Kitty Dickerson**, Textile and Apparel Management, received the Distinguished Scholar award from the International Association of Textile and Apparel Association.
- **Colleen Galambos**, School of Social Work, has been named the new editor-in-chief of the Journal of Social Work Education which is the leading journal for social work education in the US and most of the world.
- **Stephen Jorgensen**, HES Dean, was presented with the Mid Missouri Campaign Leadership Award for service as chair of the Annual United Way Campaign at MU.
- **Karen Kelley**, Child Development Lab, received an award from the Association for the Education of Young Children for Outstanding Early Childhood Educator in Higher Education.

- **Carol Mertensmeyer-Ryan** of Parentlink, has been awarded a \$2.4 million grant for five years from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to implement a marriage/relationship education program for low-income, unwed expectant or new parents entitled *Connecting for Baby*.
- **Debra Oliver**, School of Social Work, received the Project on Death in America (PDIA) Social Work Leadership Award sponsored by the Social Work Hospice/Palliative Care Network.
- **Stacey Owsley**, Director of the Head Start-State Collaboration Office housed in the Center for Family Policy and Research, has been appointed by Governor Matt Blunt to the Coordinating Board for Early Childhood.
- **Nikki Raedeke**, Nutritional Sciences, received the 2007 Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award from the Missouri Dietetic Association as well as an Excellence in Education Award from the Division of Student Affairs at MU.
- **Kathy Thornburg**, Director of the Center for Family Policy and Research, was the 2007 recipient of the Tom Mayer Award of Excellence which recognizes an individual across the four state region (Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska, and Missouri) that has made an outstanding contribution to the Head Start field.
- **Wilson Watt**, School of Social Work, has been appointed as a Commissioner for the City of Columbia Commission on Community Services.
- **Robert Weagley**, Personal Financial Planning, was appointed to the Secretary of State's Securities Advisory Committee.

PRIDE IN PROGRAM ACHIEVEMENTS

- The National Child Life Council has announced that the MU Human Development and Family Studies **Child Life** graduates have a 96% pass rate for the national Child Life Certification Exam, compared to the national average of 67%.
- The **Dietetics Program** had a pass rate of 100% for the Registered Dietitian Exam in 2006, whereas the national average was 84%.
- **The Food Stamp Nutrition Education Program (FNP)**, within HES Extension, was renewed for 2007 and approved to receive over \$7.6 million in funding.
- The Department of **Human Development and Family Studies** was recognized as a winner of the Outstanding Contribution to Graduate Education Award for the second time in six years. This honor is given by the Provost to recognize and support efforts to further enhance the quality of graduate education.
- The **Human Development and Family Studies Graduate Student Association** received the Chancellor's Award for Most Improved Organization.
- The College of **Human Environmental Sciences** had 51 students study abroad in 2005-2006 which ranks HES 2nd at MU in the percentage of students studying abroad.
- The College of **Human Environmental Sciences** has become the 11th member of the Great Plains Interactive Distance Education Alliance (IDEA) group.
- **The Office for Financial Success**, within the Department of Personal Financial Planning, has been approved as a bankruptcy counselor for the entire nation.
- **The Office for Financial Success**, in the Department of Personal Financial Planning, won first place: *Successful Outreach and Marketing Award* for its Financial Tip of the Week from the Freddie Mac 2006 Successful Models in Financial Education Awards.

PRIDE IN GIFTS AND PRIVATE SUPPORT

- **Robert and Marlese Gourley** have established the Gourley Family Foundation Teaching and Experiential Learning Fund in Architectural Studies which will strengthen collaborative instruction and learning in Architectural Studies – both inside and outside the classroom.
- **Tracy Stearns**, alum, established an endowed fund for a rotational Architectural Studies Faculty Scholar.
- **Turner Vemer** continued his generous support to the scholarship fund in memory of his late wife, **Elizabeth Nelson Vemer**, Human Development and Family Studies alumae and former faculty member.
- **Chanel Watkins**, alumnae, and her husband, Gordon, established a scholarship in Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) that will benefit minority students in community service who are majoring in HDFS.
- Between 2001 and 2006, the **college endowment** grew from \$5,250,000 to \$8,230,000, representing a 57% amount increase.