Once again another challenging, yet exciting year has come and gone. Throughout the challenging times our faculty have stayed focused and committed to the department’s mission of preparing students for careers, graduate study, and leadership roles in Fashion Merchandising, Child Development, Food and Nutrition, and Family and Consumer Sciences. Our faculty and students are challenged to make contributions that will enhance the quality of life of individuals and families in diverse societies. As we underwent two reviews: Middle States Commission on Higher Education (MSCHE entire university) and a Program Review by Cooperative States Research, Education, and Extension Services (CSREES), it was comforting that these entities confirmed that we are committed to our mission.

I am proud of the outstanding educators who comprise the current faculty. Their commitment to our students and excellence has resulted in local, national, and international recognition. They contribute daily to advancements in their discipline. Their efforts this year yielded seven grants written (five funded totaling $684,027); four refereed publications; one book; one book chapter; eighteen presentations of which eight were by graduate and undergraduate students; sixty-nine scholarly and service activities; three collaborations with industry and institutions; and a 10.9% enrollment increase. Funding teaching, research and outreach initiatives has been and continues to be a challenge, but as you can see from the results noted above, our faculty have not permitted it to deter their commitment to excellence. They have led by example. I invite our alums and friends to share in our commitment to excellence by volunteering time and talent to one or more of the initiatives or donate to one of the scholarship or endowment funds. For more information on ways to help, contact me at 410-651-6056 or shparker@umes.edu or visit our website at www.umes.edu/he.

This newsletter provides a limited snapshot of our accomplishments, but we hope it will give our alums and supporters a sense of pride. Join us in our commitment to “lead by example.” The results are truly heartwarming and exhilarating.

Shirley Hymon-Parker, Ph.D.
Chair

CSREES Program Review

A comprehensive review of the Department of Human Ecology was conducted April 17-19, 2006, by Cooperative States Research Education and Extension Services (CSREES). The five member review team included Dr. Caroline E. Crocoll (Review Team Chair), National Program Leader, USDA, CSREES; Dr. Jorge H. Atiles, Associate Dean, University of Georgia; Dr. Samuel A. Besong, Chair – FCS Unit, Delaware State University; Dr. Gladys Shelton, Chair – FCS Unit, North Carolina A&T State University; and Dr. Gladys G. Vaughn, Director, Office of Outreach, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Civil Rights, USDA.

In its Executive Summary the team noted that the department has many strengths and is well positioned for the future. Excerpts of the review team’s report follows.

Enrollment in some programs in the Department has been increasing at a steady rate. Student satisfaction is very positive. The issues being addressed via course content and experimental activities are central to the citizens of Maryland and have implications for the state, region, nation, and in some instances the global community. Faculty members demonstrate high levels of connectedness to the community through outreach and service. The technology available in classrooms, laboratories, and offices is

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**Faculty Receive National Distance Education Award**

A pioneering program offering a B.S. degree in human ecology with a concentration in child development offered by the University of Maryland Eastern Shore (UMES) was chosen to receive the prestigious Webb-Godfrey-Hill Excellence Award from the American Distance Education Consortium (ADEC) at its annual meeting this month. The UMES program is designed to accommodate the schedules of those currently working to provide care for young children.

ADEC is a nonprofit membership organization including 65 state universities and land-grant colleges and affiliates dedicated to creating quality national and international distance education opportunities using technology.

The 2 + 2 Child Development Program in the Department of Human Ecology at UMES builds upon associate degrees granted by community colleges on the rural Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia. Courses are offered in various formats, including video conferencing and web-based instruction, to fit the needs and lifestyles of learners. Five online classes a year are offered to a cohort of working professionals in Head Start, a federal program that serves the child development needs of preschool children (birth through age five) and their low-income families. Student support is provided through workshops and a detailed handbook to assist non-traditional students in their use of new or unfamiliar technology.

The Webb-Godfrey-Hill Excellence Award includes a $2,000 cash award and was designed to stimulate the 1890 (historically black) land-grant institutions to manifest their excellent teaching, research and extension programs.

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impressive compared to similar-size institutions.

**Challenges:** There is a continuing need to increase undergraduate research productivity. Additionally, teaching loads must be scrutinized carefully and the Department must address undergraduate majors, course offerings, and the faculty teaching load if the culture is to change. This will alleviate faculty burnout and Department turnover. This is one of the most important issues for the Department to address immediately.

Every educational undertaking faces countless challenges, and the Department of Human Ecology at UMES is no exception. But even in light of these challenges, the

**Human Ecology Remembers**

**Keyonna Mayo**

The Thanksgiving holiday brought tragedy to our campus and department. Two of our own, child development majors Keyonna Mayo and Allisha Coleman, were involved in a car accident on their way home to Baltimore for the Thanksgiving holiday. Keyonna, a 22-year-old senior scheduled to graduate in December, was seriously injured and paralyzed in the crash. Allisha, a 22-year-old senior scheduled to graduate in May, lost her life.

Allisha was a former resident counselor, a member of the Human Ecology Club, Kappa Omicron Nu Honor Society, UMES Gospel Choir, TODAH Hands in Ministry, and the Drama Society. She was employed as a senior staff student worker at the Child and Family Development Center. Donna Long, CFDC Director and Allisha’s teacher, remembers her fondly. “Allisha will remain in my heart this way...a most beautiful person with such a lovely smile and sweet giggle who was always upbeat and positive. She was kind and gentle with a strong faith, and everyone that met her loved her. Allisha was a great student and very conscientious about her studies. Her work was always of the highest quality. At the CFDC Allisha demonstrated strong teaching abilities and showed unconditional love and support to our young children.”

An outpouring of love, caring and support was shown by UMES students, faculty and staff for Allisha and her family through a candlelight memorial service, an article in The Hawk Messenger, numerous posts on Allisha’s FaceBook webpage, and during her Homegoing Service on Wednesday, November 30th. Keyonna Mayo is at home in Baltimore and receiving rehabilitation. The department asks our alumni to keep Keyonna and Allisha’s families in your thoughts and prayers.
Faculty Highlights

Publications


Presentations


Hymon-Parker, S. “Effective Advising & Retention Strategies at UMES.” USM Board of Regents Meeting. Adelphi, MD. June 1, 2005.

Hymon-Parker, S., Jenkins, N. L. and Satterlee, D. “2+2 Child Development Distance Education Program.” ADEC All Annual Meeting, Arlington, VA. May 2, 2006.


Presentations (continued)


Grants Awarded


Hymon-Parker, S., Butler, D. and Colyard, V. “Globalizing the Fashion Curriculum at 1890 Institutions.” USDA-CSREES Capacity Building Grant, 9/1/06-8/30/09, $299,819.

Long, D. “Development and Implementation of a Preschool Tobacco Education Project.” Somerset County Health Department, 10/05/05 – 6/30/06, $6,180.


Looking Beyond Tomorrow was the theme of this year’s commencement address for the Dietetic Internship Program given by UMES Alum, Ida Ositelu, RD, and Correctional Dietary Regional Manager, Eastern Correctional Institution. She captivated the audience by relating the parable of the pencil – a wonderful analogy for life to the practice of dietetics.

According to her story, the pencil maker told the pencil there were five things it needed to know before going out into the world.

- **You will be able to do many great things, but only if you allow yourself to be held in someone’s hand.**
- **You will experience a painful sharpening from time to time, but you’ll need it to become a better pencil.**
- **You will be able to correct any mistakes you might make.**
- **The most important part of you will always be inside, and**
- **On every surface you are used on, you must leave your mark. No matter what the condition, you must continue to write.**

Ms. Ositelu asked the interns, Shanti Malkoc and Mike Kirtsos, to imagine being the pencil and become the best they can be. She told them they must leave their mark no matter what the obstacles, and the most important part of them would always be what was inside.

Commencements give an opportunity for reflection, and I think everyone came away inspired by her words and reminded of the fact that we all have something special to contribute to the profession of dietetics.

At the undergraduate level, two seniors graduated from the program this year: Juliane Lynch and Greg Rando. They had a very comprehensive clinical and foodservice management practicum experience under the guidance of UMES Human Ecology alum, Jeannette Valdez-Jardine, RD at Salisbury Nursing and Rehabilitative Center. A portion of their community rotation involved planning and conducting nutrition activities for the after school program at the Seton Center in Princess Anne. Both students and staff at the center appreciated their energy and creativity. These practicum experiences strengthen our community collaborations, which are central to the service mission of the land grant university.

As always, we are looking for new ways to grow and improve our program. I am very grateful for the support and assistance of alumni of the Human Ecology Department. If you have ideas for recruitment or news to share about your activities, please contact me at mdecil@umes.edu.

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**DIETETICS PROGRAM UPDATE**

By Malinda Cecil

**FASHION MERCHANDISING**

by Shirley Hymon-Parker, Ph.D.

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**Fashion Institute of Technology**

FIT visiting students gain hands-on experience in a variety of advertising and marketing agencies in New York.

Shareeda Bennett selects fabric swatches to create a theme for a display board at Soundgirl, a vintage clothing company with a musical bent.

Grace Graham performs copy-editing work at Gen-Art, a graphic design company in New York City.
Friends, friends, one, two, three... all my friends are: Tobacco Free! Over eight hundred lower shore Head Start children and teachers sang along with the KinderMan on Wednesday, April 26th in the Ella Fitzgerald Center at the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. KinderMan, a.k.a. John Taylor, of the Emmy Award winning Saturday morning children’s show from Baltimore, Maryland, entertained and delighted preschool children of the Somerset, Worcester and Wicomico County ShoreUp! Head Start Centers as well as the children of the UMES Child and Family Development Center during two 45-minute performances featuring tobacco education and awareness. His interactive performances included involving the audience with several of his familiar songs including: Glad You Came, Warm Up Time, Friends, Colors, and Hand Talk, many of which featured new verses with a tobacco education related message. This event was a highlight of the events occurring this spring through a grant, Development and Implementation of a Preschool Tobacco Education Project, in its third year at the UMES Child and Family Development Center and funded through the Somerset County Health Department’s Cigarette Restitution Fund. “This grant project serves as a wonderful service learning opportunity for Human Ecology majors with concentrations in Child Development. Throughout the spring semester students plan and implement a parent meeting, student art gallery, take-home learning bags, carnival-like fun day, and various lessons and activities related to tobacco education and awareness, as well as the KinderMan event for local preschool children,” states Donna Long, CFDC Director, Child Development lecturer, and project director. “KinderMan’s performance touched many people today including quite a few UMES students who remembered him from their own preschool days.”

The Great Pumpkin – a light unto my path!

Symposium for Childhood Professionals

On October 29, 2005, Rae Pica, children’s physical activity specialist presented a symposium on movement education to over 100 early childhood professionals and parents. Pica is the founder and director of Moving & Learning, located in Center Barnstead, New Hampshire, and is the author of fourteen books for educators, including Experiences in Movement: Birth to Age 8, Moving & Learning across the Curriculum, and Teachable Transitions. Her most recent book is Your Active Child, written for the parents of children birth to 8 and exploring the significance of physical activity in children’s lives and education. She has served as a movement consultant to such groups as the Sesame Street Research Department, the Centers for Disease Control, the Head Start Bureau, and Nickelodeon’s Blue’s Clues.

The day-long conference was funded by the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore and included topics on simple methods for preventing and reducing childhood obesity, as well as the role of physical activity in the social/emotional and cognitive development of young children.

First Graduates in the FDST Program

The Food Science and Technology Ph.D. Program at UMES graduated the first Ph.D. students during the academic year 2005-06. Two students (Dr. Dahlia Jackson and Dr. Clytrice Watson) graduated in December 2005 and two students (Dr. Khaled Abou-Zeid and Dr. Jennifer Timmons) graduated in May 2006. These students started challenging careers after graduation (Assistant Professor at a State University, Acting Director of Research Station, Postdoctoral position at an Ivy League school, and HACCP Manager in poultry industry). We wish them the best of success.

In addition, two graduate students in the Food and Agricultural Sciences Masters Program in the concentration area Food and Nutrition graduated during this academic year. Maryam Taabodi graduated in December 2005 and is working as a Research Technician in the Natural Sciences Department on campus and Apsara Hettiarachchi graduated in May 2006 and enrolled in the FDST Ph.D. program.

FOOD SCIENCE UPDATE by Jurgen Schwarz, Ph.D.

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Kendall Belton presented her research in a poster titled “How Society Influences Young Consumers’ Perceptions of Fur and Leather Goods.”

Ms. Bridgett Clinton and Drs. Shirley Hymon-Parker, Missale Kumelachew, and Nina Lyon-Jenkins accompanied two students to the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) 97th Annual Conference & Expo, June 22-25, 2006 in Charlotte, North Carolina. The theme of the conference was LifeSkills! Solutions for Thriving in Threatening Times. More than 1,000 family and consumer sciences professionals (FCS), public health professionals, social workers, financial planners, counselors, and others were in attendance. Kendall Belton, a fashion merchandising major, presented her research entitled, “How Society Influences Young Consumers’ Perceptions of Fur and Leather Goods” in a poster session during the expo on Saturday, June 24, 2006. Kendall’s research examined how society’s influence on teenage consumers impacts their clothing choices in regards to leather and fur. The study’s findings revealed that today’s youth express positive attitudes towards both leather and fur products.
Alumni Highlights

Alumni Spotlight

Janay Brooks ('00), fashion merchandising graduate has experienced two very exciting aspects of the human ecology since graduating in 2000. Following an exhilarating undergraduate internship with J.C. Penney, Janay joined the company as a Merchandiser, a position that enabled her to experience many aspects of fashion buying, merchandising and marketing. In 2003 Janay was attracted to teaching. Following completion of several courses required for teacher certification, she taught fashion classes at Douglas High School in Upper Marlboro. Beginning Fall 2006, she will begin her tenure as Family and Consumer Sciences (FACS) Department Chair at Wise High School in Upper Marlboro.

Janay credits her short-term success to the education and mentoring she received in the Department of Human Ecology. She explains “You [faculty] pushed students to do their best, you inspired us, and you gave us opportunities that I am forever grateful for.” Janay says she now tries to provide unique opportunities for her students, encourage them to go to college and hopes that she inspires them to be all they can be.

Dietetics Grad Named Young Dietitian of the Year

Cheryl D. Frazier, RD, LDN ('02), dietetics graduate, attended the University of Maryland College Park in the Dietetic Internship Program and after taking the national boards, is now a registered and licensed dietitian. She is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Health Science at Towson University. Cheryl was also selected as the 2006 Young Dietitian of the Year by the Maryland Dietetic Association.

December 2005 Graduates
Bachelor of Science – Human Ecology
Christina Cannady-Fashion Merchandising, Germantown, MD
Brian Palmer-Fashion Merchandising, Waldorf, MD
Tiffany Rice-Fashion Merchandising, Washington, DC

May 2006 Graduates
Bachelor of Science – Human Ecology
Victoria Appeaning-Fashion Merchandising, Ashanti, Ghana
Kendall Belton-Fashion Merchandising, Bowie, MD
Erica Bigger-Fashion Merchandising, Baltimore, MD
Melanie Brooks-Fashion Merchandising, Baltimore, MD
Adrienne Carter-Fashion Merchandising, Baltimore, MD
Chantel Craig-Fashion Merchandising, Annapolis, MD
Claude Gattis-Fashion Merchandising, Salisbury, MD
Jasmine Hall-Child Development, Bowie, MD
Ashley Harris-Family & Consumer Sciences, Landover, MD
Portia Harris-Fashion Merchandising, Fredericksburg, VA

May 2006 Graduates (cont.)
Bachelor of Science – Human Ecology
Ebony Jacobs-Fashion Merchandising, Camden, NJ
Sheanna Jubilee-Fashion Merchandising, Fort Washington, MD
Juliane Lynch-Dietetics, Dames Quarter, MD
Marissa McDonald-Fashion Merchandising, Spring Valley, NY
Danielle McMullen-Child Development, Randallstown, MD
Monique Medley-Fashion Merchandising, Philadelphia, PA
Latisha Perry-Fashion Merchandising, East Orange, NJ
Gregory Rando-Dietetics, Elkton, MD
Natalie Read-Child Development, Laurel, MD
Diana Rice-Fashion Merchandising, Baltimore, MD
Asia Stewart-Fashion Merchandising, Baltimore, MD
Jessica Sykes-Fashion Merchandising, Chincoteague, VA
Andrea Wilkins-Fashion Merchandising, Largo, MD
Jennifer Woodson-Fashion Merchandising, Clinton, MD
Orrin Zigler-Child Development, Millville, NJ

ALUMNI UPDATE

Jasmine Hall ('06)-child development, has been hired as a kindergarten teacher with Prince Georges County Public Schools.

Danielle McMullen ('06)-child development, is the lead teacher of 4 year olds at Columbia Academy in Baltimore, MD.

Jeri Wood ('95)-fashion merchandising, is owner and designer of EVOCATIVE! Designs. She also freelances as a writer for One Life Magazine, United Soul Magazine, Owner’s Illustrated Magazine, and Freedom Time Magazine.

Renee Gonzalez ('01)-fashion merchandising, was promoted to Senior Assistant Buyer with Ross Stores in New York City.

TaCha (Marine) Jenkins ('03)-fashion merchandising-FIT, is an Information Manager at Easton Bank and Trust Company.

Ayana Lateef ('05)-fashion merchandising-FIT, is an Account Coordinator for Estee Lauder-NYC. She also works as a freelance makeup artist with Mitch Ely, national makeup artist.

Charla Rodney ('03)-fashion merchandising, is a Retail Account Executive with Comcast Cable in Atlanta, GA.

Kelly Griffin ('98)-fashion merchandising, is an Admission Representative at Katharine Gibbs School.

Aurelia Blake ('04)-child development, is a kindergarten teacher at Ridgeree Elementary School in Hyattsville, MD.

Kinshasa Horne ('04)-fashion merchandising, is a Visual Specialist for Banana Republic.

2007 European Fashion Study Tour

The Department will host its 3rd Tri-Annual European Study Tour May 29 — June 9, 2007. Cost is $2,500 and includes air, lodging, continental breakfast, and daily tours. A $500 deposit is required by October 16, 2006, and the balance is due March 19, 2007. Contact Dr. Shirley Hymon-Parker at 410-651-6056 or shparker@umes.edu for details.
Alumni Update: Dear alum, help us keep your information current in our databases. We would also like to stay informed about your personal and professional accomplishments and ask that you complete and return the bottom half of this page to Dr. Shirley Hymon-Parker, Department of Human Ecology, 2101 Richard A. Henson Center, Princess Anne, MD 21853. Fax 410-651-6285 or email: shparker@umes.edu. Please check out our website for exciting programs and activities in the department. www.umes.edu/he

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