

FSHN Report – September, 2007

Between December, 2006 and May, 2007, the FSHN department granted 82 undergraduate degrees and 30 graduate degrees. Many of the undergraduate students carried Chancellor Scholar or ACES James Scholar honors, and as noted in the previous report, 5 students earned the Bronze Tablet distinction. Congratulations to all of our graduates!

The E.G. Perkins Fellowship in Lipid Chemistry has reached a level of endowment, providing a \$1000 travel grant to a FSHN graduate student studying lipid chemistry. Dr. Perkins was a faculty member in the Department of Food Science and was a substantial contributor to the area of lipid chemistry.

A memorial scholarship fund will also be established in recognition of Dr. Lun-Shun Wei's contributions to the FSHN department and the world of food science. Dr. Wei passed away on May 15, 2007. He was internationally well-known for his ground-breaking work in the field of soybean research. He focused on increasing the utilization of soybeans and the effects of raw soybean qualities on processed soy products and developed food processes for utilization of soy foods. For his work in soybean research, he received a congressional commendation from the U.S. House of Representatives for his discovery facilitating the use of soybeans for direct human consumption. He was the author/co-author of over 100 papers and scholarly articles on soy research and development.

Fundraising efforts are well underway for the FSHN department's food lab renovation project. Over the past 50 years, many students have enjoyed the learnings they have acquired in the food laboratories in Bevier Hall, despite the fact that very few physical changes have been implemented to the learning environment. This renovation project hopes to improve the appliances, countertops, cabinets, and technology available in these classrooms.

Many Food Science alumni were able to reconnect at the 2007 Institute of Food Technologists Annual Meeting and Food Exposition held July 28th through August 1st at McCormick Place in Chicago, IL. The department held an evening reception on July 29th that was extremely well attended. Alumni from a variety of graduating classes were able to share memories and a lot of laughter. Alumni were also treated to an update about the College of ACES from Dean Rodgers, Kim Morton, and Tina Veal. It was a great event that everyone truly enjoyed!