

The FSHN Family Just Keeps on Growing

We're always thrilled when students and alumni recommend us to their younger siblings! Here are some updates on just a few of the successful sibling sets that have passed through FSHN.

Jarret Schonbrun (BS, 1995) and **Dr. Rena (Schonbrun) Shifren** (BS, 1995; MS, 2002) were undergraduates in FSHN around the same time, and now both live in Tucson, Arizona.

Jarret is the Assistant Director of the oncology division for a medical research company. He found his job by accident, but loves being able to give patients hope for new and better treatments. Jarret works with pharmaceutical companies

ProSense (www.prosensecr.com) does sensory evaluation and consumer behavioral research, including specialty work with "green" products. After running the FSHN Taste Panel for several years, Dr. Shifren worked for an international company doing sensory evaluation of both foods and assorted household products. Now, she utilizes her dual backgrounds in science and consumer behavior to assist companies with research, product development, and other unanswered needs. She says she loves the diversity of her work, which forces her to constantly keep learning.

Dr. Shifren has many great memories from UF, including Gator Football and river floats. She said her time in FSHN also exposed her to real-world problems, strengthening her ability to find practical and actionable solutions to complex challenges. Dr. Shifren added that FSHN faculty and staff were warm, accepting, and focused on students and that she made many good friends in FSHN.

► **Dr. Joslyn Angus** (BS, 1992), **Dr. Floyd Angus** (BS, 1992), and **Dr. Sherwin Angus** (BS, 1996) are originally from Jacksonville, Florida. All three brothers had **Dr. Rachel Shireman** (Retired Professor) as their faculty advisor in FSHN, and Dr. Shireman had nothing but positive things to say about them.

[Editor: It will get confusing if we use "Dr. Angus" for all three brothers, so we'll take a slightly unorthodox approach.]

Dr. Joslyn is a family physician with McLeod Physician Associates in Florence, SC. After graduation from FSHN, he attended medical school at the Univ. of South Carolina (USC) in Columbia, and went on to complete his residency at McLeod Regional Medical Center in Florence, SC. He said that he chose

Nutritional Sciences because he was interested in the subject, and that choice has served him well. Diseases like diabetes, hypertension, and high cholesterol, which a family practitioner



L-R: Dr. Floyd Angus, Dr. Sherwin Angus, and Dr. Joslyn Angus

deals with every day, are directly affected by a patient's choice of what to eat and how much to eat. Dr. Joslyn encourages current pre-med students to choose a specialization they will really love, since most doctors never actually retire and thus practice in that field for the long run.

Dr. Joslyn and his wife **Carla Angus**, a professional educator, are raising two sons: **Noah**, seven, and **Nylan**, three.

Gastrointestinal diseases are Dr. Floyd's specialty, and he practices...

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Left photo, L-R: **Dr. Staci Schonbrun** (Jarret's wife) and **Jarret Schonbrun**; right photo, L-R: **Dr. Nolan Shifren** (Rena's husband) and **Dr. Rena (Schonbrun) Shifren**

to find and treat cancer patients with investigational agents, and also monitors data and patient care. His years in FSHN gave him research experience and knowledge about the FDA, which he uses every day at work.

Jarret credited FSHN with giving him a strong science and research background, and said the Food Science major helped him stand out in the crowd. He also added that FSHN instructors were very involved and caring people. Jarret advises current students to never stop learning and making improvements, and to never be afraid to make changes.

Dr. Shifren just finished her PhD in Consumer Sciences at the Univ. of Arizona and started her own company, ProSense Consumer Research Center.

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Alumni Updates



Laura Medina (BS, 2012) was hired as a customer support scientist at the D.D. Williamson Global Support Center in Louisville, KY. She will help customers go

to market more quickly with new food and beverage products.

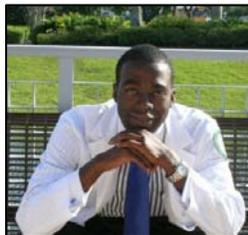
Ranie-Ann Brown (BS, 2012) was accepted to the perfusion technology program at Rush Univ. in Chicago.



Caroline Ingoglia (BS, 2009) is a Trainee Product Developer for sauces and condiments at HJ Heinz in the Netherlands



Antonio Miller (BS, 2005) is a Quality Assurance/Food Safety Supervisor for Bay Valley Foods in the Miami area.



Caleb St. Jean (BS, 2012) just finished his first year of optometry school at Nova SE Univ. He said although

the transition from an undergrad to a professional student requires a great deal of organization and time management, as well as the sacrifice of some social and extracurricular activities, the faculty and other students at Nova are extremely supportive. His favorite class is Optometric Theories and Methods, where the bulk of clinical skills are learned. Caleb also thanked his FSHN academic advisor **Nicole Young** for her guidance throughout his undergraduate program.



Michelle Smith (BS, 2009; MS, 2011) was hired by Florida Hospital Orlando as an RD-eligible employee (pending the successful completion of her RD exam).

Virgilia "Vigi" Zabala (BS, 2011), Registered Dietitian, is now the Food Supplementation Nutrition Education Program Spanish Translator and Nutrition Reviewer at the University of Maryland.



Dr. Cheryl Rock (PhD, 2012) is currently teaching human nutrition as Adjunct Faculty in the Department of Sciences for Health at Santa Fe College. She is also now Adjunct

Intern Faculty in FSHN, teaching food chemistry this summer.

Ashlie Kinnaman (BS, 2013) will teach middle school science in Las Vegas as part of the Teach for America program. She will also be pursuing a master's degree in science education at the Univ. of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Jason Wilhem (BS, 2013) is part-owner and Director of Operations and a course instructor for GatorCPR in Gainesville. The company offers comprehensive training in CPR/AED, First Aid, and Basic Life Support (BLS) as well as lifeguard training.

Julice Ogando (BS, 2012) was accepted to Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN, matriculating fall 2013.

Elizabeth "Brooke" (Newsome) Hammock (BS, 2005), is a Registered Dietitian at The Health Center of Lake City, a long term care and rehab facility.

Congratulations!



James Krieger (MS, 2004) and his wife **Louise** welcomed baby girl **Ella Matthews Krieger** on October 20 last fall.



David Guderian (BS, 2008; MS Student) and his wife **Rose** are the proud grandparents of their very first grandchild:

Elizabeth Veeola Guderian, born February 20 to parents **Chris** and **Julie Guderian**.

Dr. Mitch Knutson (Associate Professor) and his wife **Angela** (BS in Animal



Sciences 2006; MS in Management, 2007) welcomed baby girl **Elise Baleigh** on April 6.

Thanh Pham (BS, 2002) welcomed future Florida Gator **Evan Joseph** on



December 12, 2012. Thanh is currently the Quality Assurance Manager for Vigo Importing Co., Inc. in Tampa

Did we leave you out, or is our information outdated? Please drop us a line (see box, top left).

FSHN Attends Experimental Biology in Boston

Many FSHN faculty, staff, students, and alumni attended this year's EB meeting in April. Our FSHN family produces an impressive array of Nutritional Sciences research, and that was clear to anyone who attended the American Society for Nutrition's (ASN) scientific sessions. Also, **Dr. Bob Cousins** (Professor & Eminent Scholar) and the Center for Nutritional Sciences sponsored a table at the ASN University Mixer, where attendees received free Gator lanyards and stickers and had the opportunity to get their pictures taken with Albert the Alligator. We hope you enjoy these photos, and we'll see you at next year's meeting in San Diego!



L-R: **Dr. Cheryl Rowe** (Senior Laboratory Technician), **Grace Dourado** (Visiting PhD Student), **Xiaoshuang Dai** (PhD Student), **Asher Adamec** (BS, 2013)



L-R: **Dr. Sue Percival** (Interim Chair & Professor), **Dr. Soonkyu Chung** (Assistant Professor)



L-R: **Dr. Liwei Gu** (Assistant Professor)



Albert the Alligator stands guard at the Mixer



L-R: **Dylan Lennon** (PhD Student), **Hannah Allen** (BS, 2010; PhD Student)



L-R: **Keqin "Kayla" Ou** (PhD Candidate), **Lu Zhao** (PhD Student)



Dr. Vanessa da Silva (PhD, 2011)



Joy Stanilka (Biological Scientist)



L-R: **Dr. Gail Kauwell** (MS, 1979; PhD, 1993; Professor), **Dr. Lynn Bailey** (Professor Emeritus), **Dr. Linda Bobroff** (Affiliate Professor)



Dr. Will Forsythe (BS, 1972; MS, 1974)



L-R: **Greg Guthrie** (PhD Candidate), **Dr. Rebecca Creasy** (PhD, 2013), **Dr. Sukru Gulec** (PhD, 2013), **Barbara DeRatt** (MS Student), **Asher Adamec** (BS, 2013)



L-R: **Dr. Jess Gregory** (Professor), **Janna Underhill** (News & Views Editor)



Dr. Liwei Xie (PhD, 2013)



L-R: **Dr. Robin Minor** (PhD, 2007), **Janna Underhill** (News & Views Editor)



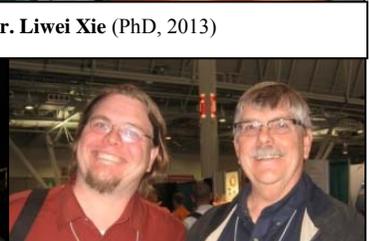
Dr. Susanne (Mertens) Talcott (PhD, 2004)



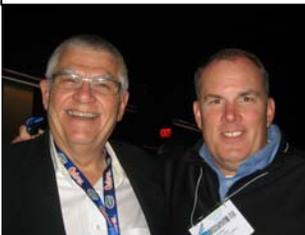
L-R: **Caglar Doguer** (PhD Student), **Luisa Rios-Avila** (PhD Student)



Dr. Jiayin "Jay" Cao (Former FSHN Post-doc)



L-R: **Dr. Matt Davenport** (PhD, 2008), **Dr. Paul Davenport** (Distinguished Professor in the UF College of Veterinary Medicine...and Matt's Dad!)



L-R: **Dr. Neil Shay** (Former FSHN Chair), **Dr. Jamie Collins** (Associate Professor)



L-R: **Dr. Gail Kauwell** (MS, 1979; PhD, 1993; Professor), **Dr. Liang "Charles" Guo** (PhD, 2009)



L-R: **Dr. Rebecca Creasy** (PhD, 2013), **Inhae Kang** (PhD Student)



Dr. Linda Bobroff (Affiliate Professor)

FSHN Alumni Receive Prestigious Awards

Debby Newslow (BS, 1973), President and Owner of D. L. Newslow & Associates, Inc., is the recipient of the 2013 NSF International Food Safety Leadership Award for Training, which she received at the 2013 Food Safety Summit this spring in Baltimore, MD.

NSF is a global organization that focuses on public health and food safety, providing expert services to everything from agricultural operations to food processing facilities to restaurants. This is the 10th anniversary of the NSF awards program, which recognizes organizations and people who have made outstanding contributions to food safety and public health. Each year nominations from around the world are reviewed, and award winners are selected by a panel of food safety experts representing industry, academia, and regulatory agencies.



Debby is a recognized expert in food safety and quality, and she excels in creating easy to understand, practical applications from complicated, technical concepts and regulations. She has provided auditing and training to hundreds of companies in the US, and she is often invited to speak at industry meetings and short courses. Debby's publications are commonly utilized by the food industry, and she has numerous certifications in quality assurance and auditing.

We're thrilled to have an alumna with such an impressive record of professional accomplishments, and we congratulate her on this well-deserved international recognition!



L-R: **Dr. Rahim Remtulla**, **Dr. Sue Percival** (Interim Chair & Professor)

Dr. Rahim Remtulla (BS, 2002; MS, 2003) was the recipient of a 2013 UF Outstanding Young Alumni Award. Dr. Remtulla graduated from medical school at Drexel Univ. and completed both his residency and his internship in internal

medicine at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, MD. He has twice been awarded a Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal, and was promoted to Assistant Professor of Medicine at the Uniformed Services Univ. Dr. Remtulla is one of five staff physicians for the U.S. Congress, and has top secret clearance. Even better, he and his wife **Michaela** have a beautiful daughter named **Alivia**, born in 2011.

Dr. Shreena Patel (BS, 2003) was also honored with a 2013 UF Outstanding Young Alumni Award. After graduating from the UF College of Dentistry, Dr. Patel completed a three-year residency in orthodontics and later served as a Clinical Assistant Professor for UF, and she serves as courtesy faculty for the dental school. She is also very active in a number of professional and alumni organizations. Dr. Patel owns an orthodontics practice in Jacksonville Beach.



Caught in the Act

Send us your photos of FSHN alumni and friends at work or at play! Contact information is located on page 2.



Dr. Doug Archer (Associate Dean for Research & Professor) seems to have some sort of minor reservation about having his picture taken at work...



L-R: **Dr. Elaine Turner** (Associate Dean for Academic Programs & Professor), **Dr. Sue Percival** (Interim Chair & Professor), and the fabulous inflatable **Albert the Alligator**!



L-R: **Felicia Metellus** (BS, 2013) and **Kendra Harmon** (Senior) were very excited about being CALS Ambassadors during the 2013 Gator Encounter recruitment event



The spring 2013 Dietetics seniors – which, as always, was an amazing group of students – got together and painted the infamous 34th Street Wall to commemorate their graduation



L-R: **Amy Pierce**, **Phillip Pierce** (BS, 2004), and their daughter **Morgan** attended a slightly chilly but beautiful Easter Sunrise Service down in Key West this spring



Eilene Ngauv (BS, 2013) gave a hearty thumbs-up to the UGA Taste Panel Room during College Bowl weekend in Athens, GA (for more on College Bowl, see page 6)

FSHN Graduates: Making the World a Better Place

Dr. Mitch Cohen (MS, 1984; PhD, 1988) is currently an Associate Professor in the Department of Environmental Medicine at New York University's (NYU) School of Medicine. A mentee of **Dr. Cheng Wei** (former FSHN Professor) and **Dr. Rachel Shireman** (retired Professor), Dr. Cohen is an active, funded researcher and teacher in the areas of immunotoxicology and pulmonary toxicology at NYU.

Since leaving UF 25 years ago, Dr. Cohen has served on several grant study sections and government review panels for the Environmental Protection Agency, National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, Centers for Disease Control, and National Institutes of Health. He was President of the Society of Toxicology's Immunotoxicology Specialty Section (SS), Councilor of the Inhalation and Respiratory Toxicology SS, an Associate Editor and/or an Editorial Board member for several toxicology journals, and provided reviewer and editorial services to more than 35 different journals. Additionally, Dr. Cohen founded and still serves as Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Immunotoxicology*.

Dr. Cohen has traveled to many nations in Asia and Europe to present his research and/or to serve on government panels created to resolve environmental issues that present immediate toxicologic or public health risks to those nations.

Currently, Dr. Cohen is happy to report that his NYU research program is once again a manageable size: three techs and two grad students working in his four labs. His ongoing research is focused primarily on exposing rats to World Trade Center (WTC) dusts to discern mechanisms that could help explain why First Responders were/are increasingly presenting with chronic lung diseases, even to this day. The studies use actual dusts that Dr. Cohen, along with a former tech and

student, collected at and around Ground Zero between Sept 12 and Sept 13, 2001. His studies on the health effects of WTC dusts resulted in an invitation to serve on Mayor Bloomberg's



L-R: **Dr. Mitch Cohen** (and his little lab mouse friend) as a graduate student in FSHN, and Dr. Cohen (seated in center) with his current lab group at NYU.

WTC Medical Working Group alongside the NYC Health Commissioner and the heads of the major First Responder groups in NYC (police, firemen, medical examiners, etc.). His other major area of research focuses on determining the effects from ambient particulate matter (PM) on pulmonary anti-bacterial resistance, lung macrophage anti-bacterial function, and on *in situ* lung/lung phagocyte iron (Fe) homeostasis.

When he contacted FSHN after reading past newsletters, Dr. Cohen noted that it was great to see that so many of the folks from his day can still be found on Newell Drive. He also said he was chagrined that while he had traveled the world-over in the 25 years since graduation, he has not yet been back to visit his old labs and former teachers. He hopes that drought will end this coming summer, when he plans to head south on a break.

[Editor: Dr. Cohen, we're going to hold you to it!]

Talia Schwartzman (BS, 1995; MS, 1997) is the Director (Department Chair) of Nutrition and Dietetics at the Universidad Peruana de Ciencias Aplicadas in Peru, which is a member of Laureate International Universities. Laureate, for which former President **Bill Clinton** serves as Honorary Chancellor, uses their worldwide network of institutions to try to expand access to quality higher education. Their overarching goal is to make the world a better place by helping more students gain access to a professionally-oriented education with a global perspective.

After finishing high school and her first few college semesters in Peru, Talia (who is fluent in English and Spanish and also has some knowledge of Hebrew) transferred to UF to major in dietetics. She was then offered an assistantship by **Dr. Rachel Shireman** (retired Professor) to complete her MS in Nutritional Sciences. Talia later completed her Dietetic Internship at Texas A&M Univ.

Talia received her Registered Dietitian credentials in the US, and is also a member of the College of Nutritionists of Peru.



She has worked in private consulting, and also for San Felipe Clinic, a private healthcare facility in Lima, Peru. She gained teaching experience at the Universidad Científica del Sur and the Universidad Peruana Cayetano Heredia, and was a member of the Technical Committee for Standardization-Labeling for Peru's National Institute for the Defense of Competition and the Protection of Intellectual Property.

In addition to her role as Director, Talia is also a newspaper and magazine columnist, provides expert advice to various companies and other institutions, and is often an invited speaker at scientific conferences and courses. She is especially passionate about consistently promoting good eating habits and the use of good judgment to children, to prevent obesity as well as diseases such as diabetes and hypertension. Talia also works hard to educate the public about the nutritional benefits of ancient Peruvian foods, such as quinoa.

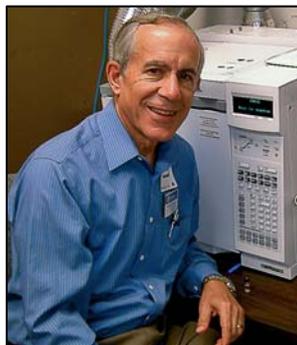
Please join us in congratulating Talia on her many professional achievements!

Russ Rouseff Retires after Long, Successful Career

Dr. Russell Rouseff (Professor Emeritus) retired in 2012 after 25 years of service to FSHN and more than 40 years of service to the state of Florida. He received his BS in Chemistry in 1966 from Wheaton College in IL, his MS in Analytical Chemistry in 1968 from Southern Illinois Univ., and his PhD in Analytical Chemistry in 1972 from the Univ. of Georgia. After teaching at Polk Community College and working as a research scientist for the Florida Department of Citrus for 13 years, Dr. Rouseff joined FSHN in 1987.

While in FSHN, Dr. Rouseff mentored 17 graduate students, 8 post-docs, and several visiting scientists. He authored 5 books, 52 book chapters, and 128 refereed publications and also developed and taught an innovative graduate course, FOS6317C Flavor Chemistry & Technology.

Dr. Rouseff was selected as a Fellow of the American Chemical Society (ACS) in 1992, and over the years served as



Chair, Agricultural and Food Chemistry Division Chair, and Councilor for ACS. He was Chair of the Florida Section Institute of Food Technologists (IFT) in 1990, and served as Councilor for national IFT from 1991 to 1994. Dr. Rouseff received numerous recognitions and awards throughout his career, including a Distinguished Achievement and Service Award in Agricultural and Food Chemistry from ACS in 2009, Senior Faculty Productivity Awards from the University of Florida in 2002 and 2008, and a Technology Innovation Award from UF in 2011. Dr. Rouseff also served on the Editorial Advising Board for the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Chemistry* from 1985 to 2011.

With a successful research program focused on the flavor chemistry of citrus, tropical juices, oils, and essences and pioneering work on the use of GC-olfactometry, Dr. Rouseff made a positive and significant impact on UF and on Florida's citrus industry. We wish him all the best!

FSHN Photo Contest!

Here at FSHN News & Views we just love unearthing old pictures of our faculty, staff, students, and alumni.... keep sending 'em in! In this issue, we bring you two mystery photos. If you can guess the identity of the FSHN people in them **and**



be one of the first five participants to e-mail us with the correct answers (see page 2 for contact info), you'll receive a free FSHN Club t-shirt. Bonus points will be awarded to anyone who can provide additional details.

Photo #1 (at left): Who is this respectable-looking gentleman (and is he really respectable)? And where might this person be found today?

Photo #2 (below): This folk band featured a familiar face, pictured here in the top right-hand corner. Can anyone identify this musically talented young woman?

Hint: both of these mystery people can be found elsewhere in the pages of this very issue of FSHN News & Views!



IFTSA College Bowl Team



L-R, front row: **Xingyu Zhao** (PhD Candidate), **Alina Balaguero** (BS, 2011; MS Student), **Ariana Ramdin** (BS, 2013), **Elizabeth Wang** (Junior), **Gayathri Balakrishnan** (MS, 2012; PhD Student), **Janna Underhill** (Staff), **Eilene Ngauv** (BS, 2013), **Christa Torrence** (Junior); L-R, back row: **Braulio Macias** (MS, 2013), **Kelly Brown** (BS, 2012; MS Student), **Dr. Michelle Danyluk** (Assistant Professor & Coach)

UF FSHN may not have won the Institute of Food Technologists Student Association (IFTSA) College Bowl competition in late March (held in Athens, GA), but no one can say we didn't represent the Gators with class!

Our team joined the Univ. of Georgia, Louisiana State Univ., Clemson Univ., Alabama A&M Univ., and Mississippi State Univ. for a fun-filled weekend of trivia and networking. After a Friday night tour of the UGA Food Science & Technology Dept, the competitors got a good night's sleep in preparation for competition. We came in third place after a few close matches on Saturday, and we were extremely proud of our team for their professionalism. Thank you to all of our dedicated team members for their hard work.

A special thank you also goes out to **Dr. Gillian Dagan** (BS, 2000; PhD, 2004), former UF FSHN competitor, for again providing the team's t-shirts – we looked great thanks to you!

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...at Sumter Gastroenterology in South Carolina. He also attended medical school and completed his residency and internship at USC, and earned a fellowship in gastroenterology at The Washington Hospital Center in DC. He said the reason he chose FSHN was because of his older brother Joslyn, and that the upper division nutrition courses were especially useful in his clinical rotations. His advice to current pre-health students is to find a mentor early in the process, and he said he was grateful to Dr. Shireman for helping him map out classes and develop a solid career plan. Dr. Floyd also mentioned that he made great social relationships while attending UF.

Dr. Floyd and his wife **J. Michelle Childs**, who is a federal district judge in South Carolina, have a four year old daughter named **Juliana**.

When Dr. Sherwin arrived at UF as a freshman, he listened to his brothers and went to see Dr. Shireman right away for assistance with course scheduling and scholarship applications. He said having a knowledgeable pre-med advisor was critical to his success, and encouraged FSHN students to seek out good mentors. With the assistance of Dr. Shireman, Dr. Sherwin became the first CALS student to be admitted to the UF Junior Honors Medical Program, starting med school a full year early. He later completed his internship at Catholic Medical Center of Brooklyn and Queens and his residency at SUNY-Downstate.

Dr. Sherwin is an anesthesiologist with Virginia Anesthesia & Perioperative Care Specialists in Newport News, VA and also a newlywed! His wife, **Yolanda Angus**, is a nurse practitioner.

► **Elaine Tan** (BS, 2012) is about to start her 2nd year of medical school at the Univ. of South Florida, and her little sister **Emily Tan** is about to start her junior year in FSHN.

Elaine chose FSHN because it looked interesting, but “quickly realized that I was in the best major at UF.” She loved that our faculty are friendly and encouraging, and made special mention of Assistant Professors **Dr. Wendy Dahl** and **Dr.**

Anne Mathews, Associate Professor **Dr. Mitch Knutson**, and **Dr. Bobbi Langkamp-Henken** (Professor), under whose mentorship Elaine completed her honors thesis for *summa cum laude* graduation. She added that her background in nutrition has been very helpful in medical school.



L-R: Elaine Tan and Emily Tan at Elaine's UF graduation



L-R: Elaine Tan and Emily Tan, outside of FSHN

When Elaine suggested FSHN to Emily, Emily knew it was the right decision. Emily said, “It’s great to have an older sister to look

up to and get advice from.” She agreed that everyone in FSHN is very friendly and supportive. Emily earned a place in Dr. Langkamp-Henken’s research lab just like Elaine, volunteers in community health clinics and at Shands Hospital, and she will apply to dental schools next year. Emily said that keeping up with her hobbies (she is pursuing a music minor for flute performance) and joining a student organization that means a lot to her have helped make her college experience a positive one.

Elaine is thrilled that her sister Emily is a FSHN major, and enjoys giving her advice and encouragement and hearing about her experiences. Elaine felt that her time in FSHN was invaluable, and she didn’t want Emily to miss out on those opportunities. Both



L-R: Brian Thompson, Jennifer Thompson, Megan Wester, Dr. Jody Thompson



L-R: Dr. Jody Thompson and Brian Thompson at the “Swamp Dash & Bash”

Elaine and Emily had advice for other students. Elaine said they should strive to have

good character, because that’s really how they’ll be remembered. Emily urges students to reduce stress levels: “Just work hard, try your best, and accept the

outcome!” And they both encourage students to never hesitate to ask for help.

► **Brian Thompson** and **Dr. Jody Thompson** (both BS, 2000) are 2nd generation Gainesville natives. They’re

also identical twins, and their aunt is **Julie Barber** (FSHN Administrative Assistant)!

Brian attended UF’s School of Physician Assistant Studies and then completed a surgical residency at Duke Univ. He is now a PA with Heart and Lung

Surgery Specialists in Gainesville, and he said what he loves most about surgery is watching people visibly improve as they recover. Brian’s wife **Jennifer Thompson** is also a PA (and a Gator!), and Brian and Jennifer are raising two children: **Eve**, who is four, and **Gabriel** who is six. The kids participate in gymnastics, karate, soccer, basketball, football, and ballet, and since Brian and Jennifer coach a lot of those teams, it keeps them pretty busy.

Dr. Thompson received his PhD in microbiology and immunology at the Univ. of North Carolina, and then completed a fellowship at Yale Univ. In 2009, he came back to Gainesville to run vaccine trials for Sarkis Clinical Trials. But after meeting his current boss while playing basketball, he was hired as a Senior Clinical Consultant by Biosurgical Solutions, a distributor for medical products. Dr. Thompson is engaged to fellow Gator **Megan Wester**,

a nurse he met in the OR at Shands Hospital.

Brian said that FSHN students should have legitimate reasons for their major/career choices; Dr. Thompson said that this is especially true for pre-med students, and added that people should be more

open-minded and not pigeon-hole themselves, because in doing so they might miss out on other opportunities.

Dr. Thompson gets to see Brian all the time, since his job requires him to be at Brian’s hospital nearly every day. Also, they go to church and out to dinner together with their families, and work out together at least three days a week. They also both claim they’re completely boring... but we’re not buying that one!

FSHN Achievements



Two FSHN faculty members were selected to receive early career seed funding from the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) to help build their research programs. **Dr. Soonkyu Chung** (Assistant Professor, top picture) will receive \$5,000 for professional development and \$50,000 for research based on her research proposal: "Effectiveness of ellagic acid on obesity: Novel regulation of obesity by epigenetic modification." **Dr. Anne Mathews** (Assistant Professor, bottom picture) will receive \$4,695 for professional development and \$44,892 for research; her research proposal was: "Using media to improve fruit and vegetable consumption in elementary school lunch programs."



Please join FSHN in congratulating **Dr. Michelle Danyluk** (Assistant Professor) on being selected for one of the UF

Excellence Awards for Assistant Professors. These awards are provided by the UF Provost's Office, and recognize excellence in research among junior faculty. Dr. Danyluk received \$5,000 in support of her already very successful research program, which focuses on food safety and quality.



Kelsey Horton (BS, 2013), senior outfielder for the Gator softball team, received the 2013 Tracy Caulkins Award in recognition of her many achievements in athletics, academics, and service. She was also recognized with SEC Community Service Team honors for the second year in a row and selected as UF's female nominee for the SEC Brad Davis Community Service Award. She was also one of 10 national finalists for the 2013 Senior CLASS Award for women's collegiate softball, and she helped the Gators win the SEC regular season championship this spring. Kelsey will attend pharmacy school at Auburn University this fall.



Dr. Liwei Xie (PhD, 2013) was the recipient of an IFAS travel grant as well as a Doctoral Enhancement Award (\$5,000) and a Doctoral Student support award (\$1,000) from the UF Graduate School. Dr. Xie has just been accepted into a post-doctoral position at the University of Michigan, where he will conduct research on colon cancer.

FSHN had a record number of students selected to be CALS Ambassadors for 2013-2014. Those student are: **Soha Afzal** (Senior), **Dinah Delhomme** (Senior), **Kendra Harmon**



(Senior), **Kaley Mialki** (Senior), **Mallory Neumann** (Junior), **Daniel Staub** (Junior), and **Sherin Thamarasserril** (Senior). This is the second year of service for Kendra and Mallory, pictured L-R.

At the 2013 CALS Scholarship and Leadership Awards Banquet, FSHN won big! The J. Wayne Reitz Medal of Excellence went to **Gene Rodrick** (BS, 2013). Gene is the son



L-R: **Gene Rodrick** (Reitz Award), **Ansuya Deosaran** (Connor Award), **Shelby Frantz** (York Award)

of **Dr. Gary Rodrick** (retired Professor) and **Dr. Lynn Bailey** (Professor Emeritus).

The Larry J. Connor Medal of Excellence went to **Ansuya Deosaran** (BS, 2013). And the E.T. York Medal of Excellence went to **Shelby Frantz** (Senior). Also, **Asher Adamec** (BS, 2013) was a finalist for the Reitz Award,



Finalists, L-R: **Asher Adamec** (Reitz Award), **Leshawn Richards** (Connor Award), **Carleigh Bruce** (York Award), **Erica Feinglass** and **Katalina Beltran** (CALS Alumni & Friends Award)

Leshawn Richards (BS, 2013) was a finalist for the Connor Award, **Carleigh Bruce** (Senior) was a finalist for the York Award, and **Erica Feinglass** (BS, 2013) and **Katalina Beltran** (BS, 2013) and were both finalists for the CALS Alumni and Friends Leadership Award.

Luisa Rios-Avila (PhD Student) was the poster winner at the 2013 Experimental Biology Cambridge Isotope Laboratories and Washington University Symposium. Her poster was entitled: "Effects of vitamin B-6 on one-carbon metabolism in oral contraceptive users."



Inhae Kang (PhD Student) won the American Society for Nutrition Obesity Research Interest Group Student Poster



Competition at the 2013 Experimental Biology meeting, with: "Elagic acid inhibits hyperplastic conversion of human adipose-derived stem cells through histone deacetylase-dependent mechanisms." She was also selected as a Student Research \$100 Award Winner and presented at the Phenolics in Human Health Research Interest Group (PhenHRIG) Symposium during the meeting.

Shown L-R: **Stephanie Meyer** (BS, 2011; MS/DI Student) received the Florida Dietetic Association President's Scholarship, **Eshani Persaud** (BS, 2012; MS/DI Student) received the Florida Dietetic Association Anne Brezina Dietetic Intern Scholarship, **Amandeep Sandhu** (PhD, 2013) received the D. Glynn Davies-Juice Products Association Scholarship from CALS, and **Caroline Glagola Dunn** (PhD Student) was



awarded the Agricultural Women's Club's Dee Ann Connor Scholarship.