

Department of Consumer Sciences Senior Profiles



Robert Richman

Family Resource Management, Family Financial Services specialization, 2008

What is the key to success in the Family Resource Management major? According to graduating senior Robert Richman, “become as active as possible in extra-curricular activities.” Over the past four years, he practiced what he now recommends for others, and it paid dividends in the form of a Junior Partner and Financial Advisor position that he will start this summer with the Davis Frayman Group of Raymond James Financial.

After coming to the major and taking Dr. Jonathan Fox’s CS FMRS 359- Family Financial Management Theory and Practice class, Robert became fascinated with the field and sought ways to be involved. He earned a 3.92 grade point average in his major classes, acquired three internships, and competed in the Ameriprise Financial Planning Competition, but he said what he is most proud of are the experiences he had with Scarlet and Gray Financial and the Financial Planning Association (FPA). Scarlet and Gray Financial is a student initiative affiliated with the major and cosponsored by the OSU Student Wellness Center. Robert has been involved with it since its inception. His participation in marketing the program contributed to a doubling of appointments each quarter since winter 2007 and a total of 300 financial education sessions with OSU students this year. Through involvement in FPA, Robert has used his networking skills to develop relationships with the Central Ohio Financial Planning Association that will serve the OSU chapter in the future.

Robert said that the personal attention he received from the Family Resource Management faculty was valuable to him, “they deserve a lot of credit for helping me.” Robert sees himself pursuing a graduate business degree later in life, and after retiring from financial planning he wants to teach high school business classes where he will doubtlessly continue to express the importance of involvement.

Lauren Andress

Textiles and Clothing, 2008



Lauren Andress, graduating senior in Textiles and Clothing, provides a great example for the value of deciding on a major early in college. “Decide what you want to do and go for it. Picking your niche early gives you an opportunity to focus on what you want to do and seek opportunities in that area,” she said. Lauren came to Ohio State knowing that she wanted to major in Textiles and Clothing, and that knowledge allowed her to find related experiences that would build her skills. Lauren’s academic interests are actually a combination of two areas- textiles and clothing and costume design for theatre, which is why in addition to her major she minored in Theatre with a focus on costuming for the stage, all while maintaining a 3.73 cumulative grade point average.

Outside of the classroom, Lauren has boosted her dossier with an internship at Kohl’s Department stores where she learned about the business side of the industry, she served as a teaching assistant for Dr. Nancy Rudd’s CS TXTCL 370 and 670 classes, and she provided leadership for the 2006, 2007, and 2008 spring fashion shows. With all that she has accomplished, Lauren said that she is most proud of her involvement as president and co-founder of the Fashion Production Association student organization in the 2007-2008 academic year. The organization plays a key role for the annual fashion show. This year funds generated by the show will go to benefit the OSU Medical Center and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation. Lauren wanted the support to go to local organizations.

After graduating, Lauren plans to move back to North Carolina, where she has a lead for a position with Belk, Inc. department stores. She plans to use her experience with clothing construction and her education in Textiles and Clothing to start creating her own women’s formal and wedding attire- first for friends of hers, with the hope of parlaying that into a business of her own.