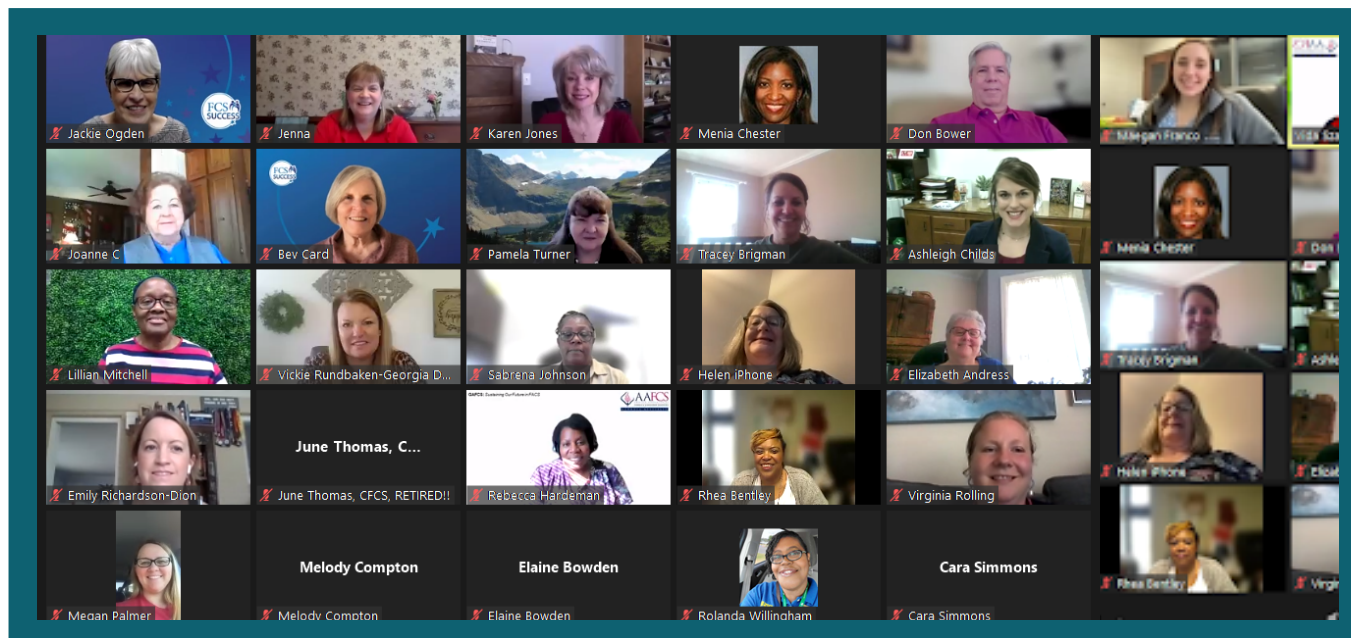


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Greetings, GAFCS!

by Dr. Cara Simmons, GAFCS President



As my time comes to a close as affiliate president, I am looking back to the beginning. I came into the role wanting to know board members beyond the business. At the beginning of each meeting after we reach quorum and before we start officer reports, we spend time learning about each other through short activities.

Starting a meeting off this way helps to acknowledge each other as individuals, build a true working relationship, and recognize our collective goal to family and consumer sciences. I would like to share a few activities that have been gathered from getting to know the students I teach and attending other meetings.

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If you try these with a group you are involved with, let us know how it goes! You can send an email to georgiafac@gmail.com. A few board meeting examples questions and prompts to try are:

- How did you end up in family and consumer sciences?
- What was your first experience with family and consumer sciences?
- What's in a name? We shared stories about our names or nicknames.
- Favorite summertime beverage
- With an image or item, how would you describe the landscape of our affiliate and why?
- How are we embodying the [AAFCS Core Values](#) through our board work?
- What are you thankful for?
- What is something FCS related that you're proud of?
- Word or phrase to guide you during the new year?
- My favorite thing...

Get to Know Your Group!



2022-2023 GAFCS Executive Board of Directors

Submitted by: Dr. Karen Jones

Our GAFCS 2022/2023 Executive Board consists of some amazing professionals! In accordance with the GAFCS Handbook, the current Board approved the slate of officers below, and was voted on by members who attended the GAFCS Annual Conference virtually held on Friday, March 4, 2022.

We are ready for an exciting year!

- President: Vida Szabat
- President Elect: Ashleigh Childs
- Secretary: Dr. June Thomas
- Treasurer: Dr. Don Bower
- Vice President for Professional Development: Dr. Rhea Bentley
- Vice President for Membership: Helen Carter
- Vice President for Public Policy: Joanne Cavis, Kena Torbert
- Vice President for Resource Development: Jenna Black
- Vice President for Awards and Recognition: Vickie Rundbaken
- Nominating Committee: Dr. Karen Jones, Dr. Carmen Pederson, Dr. Darby Sewell
- Student Unit Advisor: Sarah Catherine Fowler
- Counselor: Dr. Cara Simmons



GAFCS **Shines** the Spotlight



Committee for Diversity and Inclusion

The committee continues to develop strategies and practices to infuse diversity and inclusion within the board and affiliate membership. One way we do this is sharing our why as committee members. In this spotlight, you'll meet our newest member.



What have you learned (or enjoyed) about being on the committee this year?

" After a period of serving in a different capacity that steered my energy and focus into areas outside of family and consumer sciences, I have enjoyed once again getting to work closely with colleagues in family and consumer sciences. This is an awesome way to rekindle my Betty Lamp. "

Name: Dr. Darby Sewell

Position: GAFCS D+I Member



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Why should someone join the GAFCS Committee on Diversity and Inclusion?

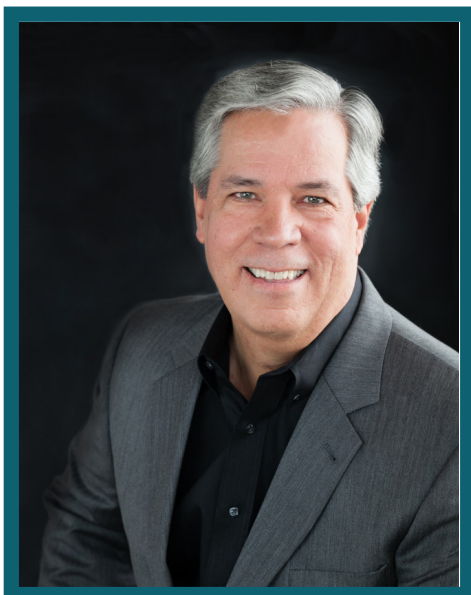
"Participating on this committee will provide an opportunity for you to share ideas for programs that can be vehicles to share information about this important issue we are talking about within our own workplaces, communities, and the profession at both the state and national level."

What's something people may not know about you ?

"Someone may not know that I held the same student worker job in Dawson Hall at the University of Georgia that my mom, Gail Darby Thompson, held when she was a UGA student. Our paths in Family and Consumer Sciences have both been filled with great opportunities, friends, and mentors. Dawson Hall is a special place for us."

To view the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences Diversity and Inclusion Statement or to learn more about joining the committee, visit fcs.uga.edu/gafcs/diversity or email georgiafacs@gmail.com.

FCS FACTS: Did You Know?



Dr. Don Bower

Dr. Don Bower served as our first male president. He is also a past AAFCS president.

Don remains actively engaged as the current GAFCS treasurer and serves at the national level in different capacities when needed. He is a former professor from the University of Georgia in the Department of Human Development and Family Sciences.

Family and Consumer Sciences Day at the Capitol 2022

Submitted by: Joanne S. Cavis, CFCS

FDAC Recap

Family and Consumer Sciences leaders representing FCS professional organizations in Georgia attended FACS Day at the Capitol on February 10, 2022, and received the House and Senate Resolutions that were sponsored and presented by Representative Matthew Gambill (#15 District) and Senator Frank Ginn (#47 District).



Thanks to Vida Szabat (GAFCS president elect) and Kena Torbert (GAFCS public policy) who presented Certificates of Appreciation to Senator Ginn and Representative Gambill from GAFCS.

Also attending these special in-person presentations were: Dean Sheri Worthy (UGA), Leigh Johnson (GATFACS president), Tracey Saxton (GEAFCS public affairs), LaZavia Grier (GEAFCS public affairs), Caitlin Roberson (GaFCCLA executive director), Carmen Pedersen (GaFCCLA board of directors president), and UGA FACS legislative aides Olivia Sawyer, D'Armond McGhee, and Amanda Carlson. We appreciate their presence in the Capitol on February 10th.

Many thanks to Zachary LaRoche, Legislative Aides Liaison and Aimee Dowd, FACS Day program coordinator at UGA College of Family and Consumer Sciences.

FACS Day at the Capitol was in virtual format in 2022.

Aimee Dowd opened the virtual FACS Day at the Capitol event at noon with a welcome and information about the playbook and program. She then introduced Dean Sheri Worthy who welcomed the participants and read the Proclamation of FACS Day at the Capitol that was issued by Georgia Governor, Brian Kemp. Once framed, the Proclamation will be displayed in the college at UGA. Dean Worthy then summarized the morning presentation and reading of the House and Senate Resolutions.

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Next, a Legislative Panel composed of Representatives Marcus Wiedower and Houston Gaines and Senators Frank Ginn and Bill Cowsert, was facilitated by Legislative Aide Olivia Sawyer. They discussed current legislative issues and why they like having a legislative aide. Their advice: develop your networks, relationships and people skills; get involved in the community to learn about issues.

The Legislative Aide Panel, Olivia Sawyer (Wiedower), D'Armond McGhee (Gaines), and Amanda Carlson (Cowsert), presented next. They discussed their FACS majors and interests now and in future careers; what college courses they took that helped them with the legislative aide duties; responsibilities as part time and full time Aides; and how many course credits could be received. They are learning the legislative lingo, legislative process and are in Atlanta to help the legislators, not express a personal opinion.

The closing session, which concluded at 2:00 pm, included remarks by Marty Kemp, First Lady of Georgia via video. The UGA FACS Legislative Aide program is the oldest one program in Georgia which was started by Bob Argo.



FCCLA Scholarships and Recognition

Submitted by: Dr. Cara Simmons

Dr. Cara Simmons presented Laura Daly, a student at Charlton County High School, with a certificate for the \$1000 Georgia Association Family and Consumer Sciences Scholarship during the Georgia Family, Career and Community Leaders of America State Leadership Conference on March 25, 2022.

GAFCS Executive Board of Directors members, Dr. Carmen Pederson and Linsey Shockley also received honors. Dr. Pederson received the Master Adviser award, which recognizes advisers who have been successful in advising an affiliated chapter for a minimum of three years, promoting the organization, operating an integrated chapter with a balanced program of work, facilitating youth-centered activities, and keeping abreast of new happenings within the organization. Linsey was presented with honorary membership to the Georgia FCCLA organization. We are proud of you both!

Congratulations!



Pictured (above): Linsey Schockley



Pictured (above): Dr. Carmen Pederson



2022 Annual GAFCS Conference Recap

Submitted by: Vida Szabat

The Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Science held their annual conference on March 4th. The theme for this year was an extension from last year's theme focusing on redefining ourselves and our profession in a rapidly changing world. This year's theme was Sustaining our future in FACS. The speakers did not disappoint coming from different aspects of our profession to come together as one to continue to strengthen our presence in the world today. We heard from Ms. Tracy Grice from Paulding County Farm Bureau, Ms. Kisha Faulk from UGA Extension, updates from our collegiate programs Dr. Sherri Worthy from UGA, Kena Torbert from Fort Valley. We also heard updates from our Diversity + Inclusion Committee, and ended the day with Dr. Gwendolyn Hustvest, IFHE President, and Dr. Pamela Turner.



GAFCS 2022 Conference Scholarship and Award Winners

Submitted by: Linsey Shockley

Scholarship and award winners were recognized during the 2022 Annual GAFCS Conference held virtually on Friday, March 4, 2022. Two student members were recognized by receiving scholarships to aid them in their pursuit of education in a Family and Consumer Sciences related program at a Georgia institution. These students are members of both AAFCS and the Georgia Affiliate, were highly recommended, and were selected by a panel of FACS professionals serving on an evaluation committee.

The first scholarship, TC Transcontinental Scholarship of \$1,500, was awarded to Alleyone Monsanto, a double major in Fashion Merchandising and Advertising at the University of Georgia. She is the Editor-in-Chief of InFUSion Magazine, the only multicultural magazine on the UGA's campus. She has also completed two internships in retail development working with licensed goods. The recipient has been described as attentive to detail, creative, dedicated, respectful, and very determined.

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The second scholarship, the GAFCS Graduate Scholarship, is being awarded to Kristen Hankins. She is a student at the University of Georgia currently pursuing the Double Dawgs pathway with FACS Education/Workforce Education. She is a FACS Ambassador and serves as the Georgia FCCLA State Intern and the Georgia FCCLA Foundation Coordinator. Positive, team player, driven, charismatic, and genuine are all words that describe her.

Affiliate members also received recognition during the conference. We have four honorees in the following Georgia awards: Outstanding FACS Professional, Leader Award, New Achiever, and Teacher of the Year.

The recipient of the Georgia Outstanding FACS Professional Award is Miss Ashleigh Childs. She is currently an FACS Extension Agent in Thomas County. This award is given to a GAFCS professional who has demonstrated outstanding contributions to GAFCS and AAFCS on local, state, and/or national level. Ashleigh has had a passion for Family and Consumer Sciences since the 9th grade and has been an active participant of GAFCS since 2014. One of her references said, "She has continuously demonstrated the ability to excel in most anything she is tasked to do. I have yet to see a ceiling as to what all she can accomplish professionally." Ashleigh has said, "I am grateful for the influence and guidance of my fellow professionals in the field and look forward to continuing to live out my passion daily."

Dr. Rhea Bentley is being recognized as the recipient of the Georgia Leader Award. Dr. Bentley is currently a FACS Extension Agent in Muscogee County as well as the Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visitation Grant Coordinator. The Georgia Leader Award recognizes Family and Consumer Sciences professionals who have made significant contributions to the field through their involvement in AAFCS/GAFCS on the local, state, and/or national level. Dr. Bentley has been active in a number of professional organizations over the years National Extension Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (NEAFCS), the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS), Georgia Association for the Education of Young Children (GAEYC), Georgia Nutrition Council, and many others. Since 8th grade, Home Economics was Rhea's favorite subject and obviously has made a major impact on her...and she has been able to make a major impact in the field through her teachings and providing service. It has been said, "her teaching style is unique and impressive as she engages clients in hard to teach subjects in health and nutrition. She is always positive and a team player".

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The recipient of the Georgia New Achiever Award is Dr. Virginia Rolling. Dr. Rolling is currently an Assistant Professor of Fashion Merchandising and Apparel Design at Georgia Southern University. The Georgia New Achiever Award recognizes emerging professionals who have shown potential significant contributions in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. They must have 2 years of AAFCS membership and 3-8 years of service to the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. Dr. Rolling has been a member of AAFCS since 2017, presented her research of 3D jewelry designs at the Alabama FCS state conference then had the opportunity to present her dissertation creative scholarship and a roundtable over helping teachers with technology at the AAFCS Annual Conference in St. Louis. Her article on “Alayna Aiken’s work to bring fashion to Delaware and Kenya” was published in the Journal of Family and Consumer Sciences in 2020. Dr. Rolling has recently been accepted to present at the 2022 IFHE World Congress over upcycling techniques for two handbag designs as well as on Best Practices for FCS textiles and FCS teachers’ professional insights on their careers. She is highly respected by her students and colleagues. Students have even changed their majors due to her enthusiasm over fashion.

Dr. Carmen Pedersen is being recognized as the recipient of the Georgia Teacher of the Year. She is currently employed as a FACS teacher at Haymon-Morris Middle School. The Georgia Teacher of the Year Award recognizes exemplary teachers who utilize cutting-edge methods, techniques, and activities to provide stimulus and visibility to family and consumer sciences in elementary and secondary education. Dr. Pedersen has been a Family and Consumer Sciences educator since 2010 and has taught on the middle, high, and post-secondary level. Besides teaching, she has also taken the lead of several FCCLA Chapters, PBIS, Yearbook, Drama, and Prom. On the state and national level, she has served and is serving in leadership roles with GAFCS, the Georgia FCCLA Board of Directors, and IFHE. She has presented at several state and national conferences and is always willing to assist new teachers.

Dr. Pedersen’s curriculum focus uses project-based learning highlighting the life skills afforded through Family and Consumer Sciences. Each unit is engaging and has practical activities that teach the content knowledge and skills while emphasizing the relationship to students’ future. Her goal is for all students to have a thorough understanding of the comprehensive nature of FCS and to have skills they can carry into adolescents and adulthood.

Congratulations to our 2022 scholarship and award recipients!



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2022 GAFCS Scholarship and Award Winners

Teacher of the Year



Dr. Carmen Pedersen

New Achiever Award



Dr. Virginia Rolling

Georgia Leader Award



Dr. Rhea Bentley

Outstanding FACS Professional



Ashleigh Childs

GAFCS Graduate Scholarship



Kristen Hankins

TC Transcontinental Undergraduate Scholarship



Alleyone Monsanto



FCS FACTS: Did You Know in FCS History?



Photo credit: Alabama Women's Hall of Fame

Margaret Murray Washington

- Called "one of the greatest women of her century," Margaret Murray Washington spoke to national audiences as the first president of the National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs. But her greatest service came as a graduate of Fisk University and teacher at Tuskegee, where she founded country schools, taught women how to live and attend to their homes, worked for the improvement of prisons, started the Mt. Meigs school for boys and an industrial school for girls, and constantly worked for the betterment of the poor and neglected.

- Born in Macon, Mississippi, married to Booker T. Washington in 1893, she stood steadfastly beside her husband in making his dream of a great institute come true. A woman of great compassion, intelligence and independence of judgment, she became one of the greatest forces at Tuskegee Institute and among African-American leaders and thinkers of the country.
- Her story is included in *The Secret History of Home Economics: How Trailblazing Women Harnessed the Power of Home and Changed the Way We Live* by Danielle Dreilinger.



Pictured: Kamryn Williams, Iowa State University student with her portrait of Margaret Murray Washington



In Loving Memory

Submitted by: Dr. Cara Simmons

The Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences would like to recognize and honor the members that have passed on. They have each made life-long contributions to our organization and the field of family and consumer sciences.

Tommie Guess Mullis

Tommie Guess Mullis, born on June 7, 1934 in Sycamore, Georgia passed into the hands of her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on the afternoon of December 3, 2021, at the age of 87. She was the daughter of the late John Benjamin Guess and Oxie Hickman Guess. She was preceded in death by her brother, John Henry Guess and her son-in-law, Jon Darrell Poole. She is survived by her husband, Norris N. Mullis, Athens, Ga.; her children, Mitch (Jean) Mullis, Colbert, Ga.; Mitzi Mullis Poole, Athens, Ga.; Marisa (Jody) Mullis Reynolds, Bogart, Ga.; and Mark (Melissa) Mullis, Commerce, Ga. Also surviving are her brother Lowell (Frances) Guess, Dublin, Ga. and thirteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

After graduating from ABAC ('54), she received a BS degree in Home Economics Education from the University of Georgia ('56), MS in Housing ('79), Certificate in Housing Counseling ('84) and Certificate in Gerontology ('80).

Tommie retired in 1993 as a Home Economics Program Development Specialist with the UGA Cooperative Extension Service. With the Cooperative Extension Service she was an Inaugural Counselor at Rock Eagle, 4-H Agent, a County Home Economist, a State Specialist and a District Home Economist. Tommie was also influential as an educator as a Home Economics Teacher, Utility Company Home Economist, Vo-Tech Teacher, and a UGA FACS Professor.

Over the past sixty-five years of her career, she made life-long contributions that improved the lives of families, consumers, and students in each of her roles.

During her career, Tommie was active in multiple professional organizations which included membership in Epsilon Sigma Phi, the National Honorary Extension fraternity; American Home Economics Association; Association of Extension Home Economists; Association of 4-H Agents; American Association of Housing Educators; National Association of Home Builders; National Federation of Housing Counselors; College of Home Economics Alumni Association; Master 4-H Agent; and Phi Upsilon Omicron.

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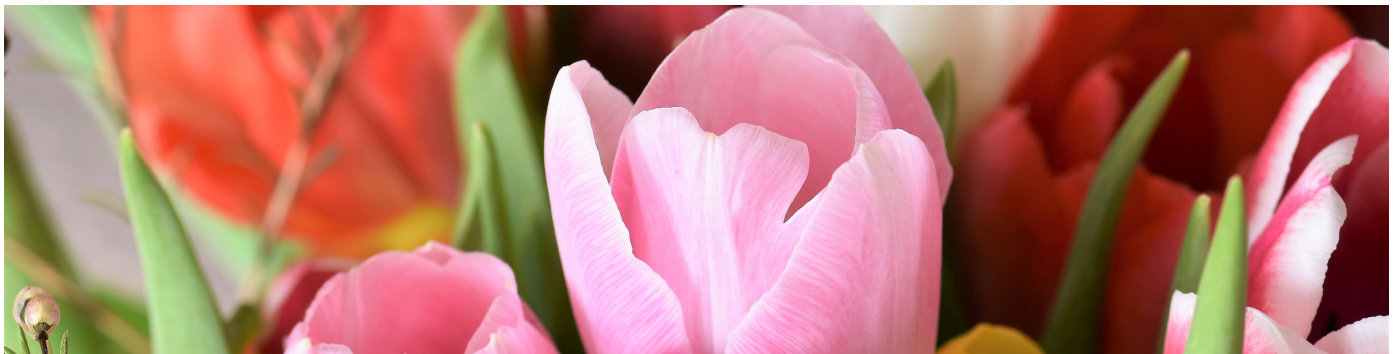
Tommie received multiple honors throughout her career which included the Distinguished Service Award from the Georgia Association of 4-H Agents; the Outstanding Home Economist Award, Area N Professional Award, and the Distinguished Service Award from the Georgia Home Economics Association where she served as State President; UGA FACS Distinguished Alumni Award; UGA FACS Top 100 Alumni Award; County 4-H Volunteer Award; and State 4-H Public Speaking Award.

Tommie was passionate about projects, activities, charities and individuals that replicate the mission “to advance the well-being of individuals and families over their life span and strengthen communities through the generation and dissemination of knowledge, education of professionals, and provision of research-based programs”. She served in the community as a supporter of the Interfaith Hospitality Network; Volunteer at Athens Regional Medical Center; Board Member of the University Woman’s Club; and Board Member of the Athens Community Council on Aging. Tommie was a long-time member of Milledge Avenue Baptist Church serving as a deacon, ministry for the aging, Sunday School Class, and various committees.

One of her great passions was creating seasonal, relevant vignettes, floral and table capes for the church. She loved being able to share her talent of creativity with the membership to enhance the worship service and special events of the church.

However, beyond her career, and community service accomplishments, her greatest love and joy was her family. Tommie was married to Norris for sixty-one years and blessed with four children. The children along with their spouses, thirteen grandchildren and spouses, and four great-grandchildren makes for a large family. Tommie believed traditions build strong families over a lifetime. Through the years, Norris and Tommie created many traditions to be passed down to future generations. Some of these celebrations and festivities include family weekends on July 4th at Lake Hartwell, gift giving events with a “special cheer”, 16th birthday “roasts”, and the reading of “The Places You Will Go” by Dr. Seuss at graduations. Tommie has made a difference somewhere, somehow with somebody.

A memorial service was held at Milledge Avenue Baptist Church in January of 2022.



Myrtis H. Akins

Mrs. Myrtis H. Akins, age 83, died on Friday, August 13, 2021, at home.

Myrtis was born in Macon County, Georgia but raised in Ellaville, Georgia graduating from Schley County high school in 1956. She attended Abraham Baldwin College and graduated from Georgia State College for Women in 1960. She later obtained a Masters in Public Administration from Georgia Southern College.

She married Donald Wayne Akins and moved to Statesboro after his graduation from the University of Georgia in 1960. After a short stint as a teacher, Mrs. Akins began a thirty year career with the University of Georgia Extension service from 1966 to 1996 serving first as the county 4-H agent then the Extension Home economist and later as manager of the Bulloch County extension office. During her career, Myrtis was frequently recognized for her work and community service including the Grace Frysinger Award, a national award granted on triennial basis by the NEA of Family & Consumer Sciences, the D. W. Brooks Award for Excellence, the highest honor given to University of Georgia extension agents, the Deen Day Smith Service to Mankind award, and the 1991 Woman of Achievement presented by the Statesboro Business & Professional Women. After retiring from the Extension service, Myrtis helped start the Statesboro Family Skills Center and then serve as its Director for thirteen years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Carl and Vera James Halstead, and her husband, Donald Wayne Akins, to whom she was married for 59 years. She is survived by daughter, Tammie A. Dickens, a son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Kristen Akins, all of Statesboro, three grandchildren and their spouses, Matthew & Jennifer Dickens, Fayetteville, North Carolina, Kate Anna & Cole Breiner of Athens, Georgia and Amelia & Lucas Thompson of Kathleen, Georgia and several nieces and nephews.

Myrtis was a long time member of First Baptist Church of Statesboro and the Margaret Carroll Sunday school class.

The visitation will be held on Monday at 1:00 pm at First Baptist Church followed by the funeral service at 2:00 pm with Dr. H. William Perry officiating. Interment will be at Upper Mill Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, 81 Moore Road, Portal, Georgia. Her nephews, Lee Hardison, Jimmy Brown, Roy Lynn Ellis, Will Sellars, Jeff Akins, and Joe Akins will serve as pallbearers.

The family owes a large debt of gratitude to Chryl Johnson, our mother's primary caregiver, who is a most treasured family friend. We also are most grateful to mother's additional caregivers, Pearl Johnson, Brigitte Johnson, Dot Miller and Deborah Smart.



Nona Faye Slappy

Ms. Nona Faye Slappy was born in Sylvester, Georgia, December 5, 1941 and died in Columbus, April 5, 2021. She grew up in Sylvester and graduated from Berry College with a degree in Home Economics.

She worked for a short time in Kentucky, before returning to Georgia to work as a Home Economist in Crisp County and then in Meriwether County, where she retired. She influenced the lives of many children and adults through her 4-H and home economics work. They appreciated her lively presentations and infectious laugh.

Ms. Slappy was a long-time, active member of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences and Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences. She was a delightful travel companion to state and national conferences. She was a board member of GAFCS, where she shared many great action ideas, and last served as the chair of the nominating committee. She was recognized by both professional organizations for her national volunteer service with the American Red Cross.

In 1980, Nona began volunteering with the American Red Cross and did so for 34 years. . . traveling outside Georgia to. . . ice storm ravaged Oklahoma and to the World Trade Center 9/11 disaster, among other locations. She worked locally in the Columbus area and with the Red Cross activities at Ft. Benning while serving on the West Central Georgia Red Cross Board of Directors. She went where people needed her service.

She was an active member of Trinity Baptist Church in Manchester, Georgia. . . always ready to serve others who needed her time and expertise.

Nona Faye Slappy will be remembered for her servant leadership, "Telling it like it is!" and "This too, shall pass" expression.



Dr. Linda Johnson

Fort Valley State University is saddened to announce the passing of Dr. Linda Johnson, retired FVSU associate professor of food and nutrition, on Sept. 1, 2020.

“The Wildcat community mourns the loss of a beloved member who served faithfully for more than 38 years,” FVSU President Dr. Paul Jones said. “A committed educator, Dr. Johnson always put her students’ needs and interests first. She fostered creativity, innovation and leadership, but most of all, she cared about her students.”

Johnson taught in the College of Agriculture, Family Sciences and Technology’s (CAFST) Family and Consumer Sciences Department, where she formerly served as department chair. She was a longstanding member of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (AAFCS).

Johnson was a recipient of the 2018 Julius Benton Professional Improvement Award by the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences to promote the national initiative “Say Yes to FCS: Filling the Family and Consumer Sciences Educator Pipeline.”

The AAFCS Leadership Academy mentor believed that pursuing an FCS career is a gateway to various opportunities. She once said, “I really enjoy what I do. I am most proud of my teaching and my ability to encourage students. When they succeed, I am a success, too.”

The Clarksdale, MS, native, who began preparing food at her father’s fruit stand at age 12, said, “To whom much is given, much is required.”

“As a food and nutrition educator, Dr. Johnson aimed to promote the FCS program at FVSU. She dedicated her skills to attracting outstanding students to our campus. Not only was she a remarkable educator, she was a positive role model.

We send our condolences to her family, friends, former students and Wildcat colleagues,” said Dr. T. Ramon Stuart, FVSU provost and vice president of academic affairs.

Dr. Ralph Noble, dean of the CAFST, added, “Dr. Johnson was a dedicated member of the FVSU and CAFST family who took pride in connecting with her students and helping them achieve success both on and off campus. She was a phenomenal leader and educator. She will be greatly missed by the FVSU community.”

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Johnson received her Doctor of Philosophy in human sciences from Florida State University, Master of Science in human nutrition from Mississippi State University, Bachelor of Science in home economics from Mississippi State University and an associate degree in biology from Coahoma Junior College.

In addition to her academic impact, she served in various capacities on state and national committees and received several awards. These accolades include the AAFCS Silver Circle Award for 25 Years of Service, FVSU Faculty of the Year Award (2004), Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges (2001), Seminole Torchbearers Leadership Award (2001), Dissertation Research Award (2000), Jewell L. Taylor National Fellowship (1998) and the Evening Optimist Can Do Award for Volunteerism (1989-1991; 2003-2004).

Honors

2018 Julius Benton Professional Improvement Award

AAFCS Leadership Academy Mentor

AAFCS Silver Circle Award for 25 Years of Service

FVSU Faculty of the Year Award (2004)

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges (2001)

Seminole Torchbearers Leadership Award (2001)

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Evening Optimist Can Do Award for Volunteerism (1989-1991; 2003-2004).



If you would like to share an obituary or memorial for a family and consumer sciences professional who was a member of GAFCS, please email gerogiafacs@gmail.com.