



# COLLEGE UPDATE

A MESSAGE FROM DEAN ZVONKOVIC

November 2, 2022

## Beyond “Just FACS”

I always say that October is the month everything happens in the academy, or to put it another way, any effort that we want to undertake has to be started in October to come to fruition this academic year. So I know how busy you all have been in getting things started and underway! I've had my first 90 days as your dean --- I don't know everything about the college, but I've made my way to most of the spaces, including Dawson/Spiers and Barrow, and also including lab spaces around and off campus. I continue to be working toward meeting with administrators across campus. Please let me know if there are important stakeholders I should be meeting. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at the College Assembly that will focus on the Clinical and Translational Science Alliance, organized by Allisen Penn, Associate Dean for Extension and Outreach and Georgia CTSA Community Engagement Co-Chair.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR



College of Family and  
Consumer Sciences  
UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

# COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

November 14 from 3:30-5pm in Dawson 116

**DEI Update** – [Melissa Landers-Potts](#) (FACS DEI Committee Chair and Assistant to the Dean for Diversity) has submitted the final version of the [FACS strategic plan](#) to Michelle Cook and Nathan Moore. We encourage you to read the plan and please consider volunteering to serve on the FACS DEI committee as we work to implement the plan. We encourage you to reach out to Dr. Landers-Potts at [mlpotts@uga.edu](mailto:mlpotts@uga.edu)

**Associate Dean for Research, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship:** The search committee has been reviewing applications and plans to do semi-finalist Zoom interviews this month. We'll let you know about the schedule for finalist interviews after the New Year.

**FACS Faculty and Staff Awards:** It is time to start thinking about FACS Faculty and Staff Award nominations. You can see all the FACS faculty and staff award information [here](#). Nominations for the Teacher of the Year and the Faculty Advisor of the Year are due January 15<sup>th</sup>. All other nominations are due January 30<sup>th</sup>.

### Recap on Recent Events:

- **Beat Week** – in addition to a record number of views and shares of our Beat Week videos on our social media channels, we secured 72 gifts for a total of \$7,560 raised. UGA won the head-to-head competition with Auburn, securing 2,984 total gifts to Auburn's 1,817. Thanks to all who contributed!
- **Homecoming recap** – Our homecoming tailgate was a well-attended success, with beautiful weather, great food and fun entertainment. See the photo album [here](#).
- **The President's Annual Report** is available [here](#).
- **College Newsletter:** We will be sending out the FACS newsletter Thursday, so keep an eye out; it will include fresh content with spotlights on each department and IHDD along with faculty, student, and alumni profiles.

### FACS Healthy Habits

As a follow-up to the White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health last month, FACS is devoting the afternoon of November 8<sup>th</sup> to a session of Healthy Habits as a satellite event of the White House Conference. It starts with Dr. Caree Cotwright, who will be doing a food demonstration on healthy eating; then a SNAP-Ed information session by Dr. Jung Sun Lee, director of the SNAP-Ed project. Lastly, I will be leading a “Walk-a-Weigh” session, walking for 30 minutes around campus. To learn more about the Walk-a-Weigh program, join their [Facebook group](#).

# FACS HEALTHY HABITS

WHITE HOUSE CONFERENCE ON HUNGER, NUTRITION, AND HEALTH SATELLITE EVENT

Tuesday, November 8 | 2:45–3:45 p.m. | Dawson 216



**FOOD DEMO WITH  
CAREE COTWRIGHT**

2:45–3:15 p.m.



**SNAP-Ed INFORMATION  
SESSION**

3:15–3:30 p.m.



**WALK-A-WEIGH  
30 FOR 30 PROGRAM**

3:30–3:45 p.m.

Followed by 30 minute walk around campus led by Dean Zwicknick

**Trending Topics, Extension and Outreach:** The College of Family and Consumer Sciences Extension and Outreach Program invites you to attend the Trending Topics presentations on November 30, 2022, 3-4:30 p.m. in Dawson 216 featuring the Institute on Human Development and Disability. Objectives:

- To share collaborative community-focused research, scholarship, and outreach.
- To learn from the accomplishments of others.
- To increase understanding of Outreach and Extension applied and translational research in the college.
- To encourage networking in the college by providing time for meeting, planning, and networking.
- To strengthen and encourage networking and relationship building.
- To provide professional development opportunities.

The **Sweaney Innovation Fund**, established in honor of Anne L. Sweaney, will reimburse up to \$5,500 for costs on a project that embodies the spirit of innovation and collaboration in education. Individual FACS faculty or a team of FACS faculty are encouraged to apply with their proposal for a highly impactful educational experience or innovative instructional program. Applications are due **November 15, 2022**. See details on how to apply [here](#).

**FACS Convocation** will be held December 16 at 12:30 p.m. in Mahler Hall in the Georgia Center. Faculty are encouraged to attend and can order regalia [here](#) by November 7. Please let your department head know if you have a **nominee for Student Perspective speaker, Student Challenge speaker, Outstanding Senior, or student marshals:**

- **Student Perspective:** A student will have the opportunity to speak approximately 3 minutes on behalf of fellow students, sharing memories or something special about UGA, the College and its people.
- **Student Challenge:** A student will assume the role of speaking to the graduating class and the audience. The student will speak for approximately 3 minutes regarding what their experience at UGA has meant and from those experiences, what they would challenge their fellow students to be and to achieve in the future. This student speaker closes the program and sends off the graduates charged about their future.
- **Outstanding Senior:** Bill and June Flatt Outstanding Senior Award: this award is given to a student who exemplifies excellence in the pursuit of knowledge and service to the College as an active participant in extracurricular activities and student governance. The student will receive a plaque and a monetary award. **This student is not given a speaking opportunity.**

## **USG benefits open enrollment 2023**

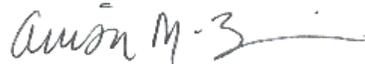
Open Enrollment for the 2023 calendar year ends on **November 4, 2022**. This is an **Active Enrollment** year, meaning all employees must complete the tobacco use and working spouse certifications. If you take no action during Open Enrollment to complete these certifications, you will default to the **\$150 monthly surcharge** for each item. During this time period, employees can also enroll and make donations to the Shared Sick Leave Pool for 2023. To learn more about Open Enrollment [here](#).

### **Upcoming Dates**

October 24 - Nov 4 – [Open Enrollment](#)

November 14 – [College Assembly](#), 116 Dawson Hall  
November 30 – [Dough at Dawson](#), Dawson Hall  
December 16 – [FACS Convocation](#), Georgia Center  
December 16 – [UGA Commencement](#)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Anisa M. Zvonkovic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Anisa M. Zvonkovic  
Dean and Georgia Athletic Association Professor in Family and Consumer Sciences