

GAFCS NEWSLETTER

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Georgia Affiliate – April 2020

Annual Letter to the Georgia Legislature

In early February, all the members of the Georgia House and Senate received a letter from GAFCS thanking them for their support and enumerating the impact the family and consumer sciences professionals have on individuals, families and communities.

AAFCS National Conference 2020 Update

The 2020 National Conference in Baltimore has been canceled due to COVID-19. Please visit aafcs.org for more detailed information.

Take it to the Streets

For more information on AAFCS public policy initiatives, visit <https://connect.aafcs.org/resources/advocacy/taking-to-streets>



FACS and COVID-19

The following article is a Facebook post from Alex Rivers at Minnesota State University submitted by Jenna Black. It speaks to the importance of FACS in these unprecedented times. It is a great reminder of just how important this field is:

I haven't posted anything like this before, but this quarantine has made me think a lot about my amazing decision to become a FACS teacher. Many people are confused by the name Family Consumer Science and I am constantly explaining that it is the new name for "Home Ec". This is typically followed by "oh so you teach kids how to cook and sew!". I'm going to share with you a little bit about why Family Consumer Science is so much more than that and why it is important for everyone to be aware of it! Below I made a (short) list of things that are happening RIGHT NOW across the globe during the pandemic that are related to topics taught in Family Consumer Science classes:

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Let Us Celebrate YOU!

Please submit "Toot Your Own Horn" forms throughout the year as you experience life to Ashleigh Childs. We want to share in the excitement with you! For questions or comments regarding all awards and recognitions, please contact VP for Awards and Recognition Ashleigh Childs at 229-921-2288 or by email at aec10754@uga.edu.

Say YES to FCS Campaign:

Use monthly social media posts to recruit students to fill the FCS Educator Pipeline and more. . . Join the Georgia Action Team by going to the AAFCS.org website. We need more FCS educators in classrooms and Extension. We recognized our educators at FCS Day at the Capitol.

The National Partnership for Recruiting, Preparing and Supporting FCS Educators (AAFCS, FCCLA and SUNY Oneonta) received a grant from USDA-NIFA in 2018 of \$748,188 plus a match from AAFCS to total \$936,572. The State Action Teams are meeting to form a State Action Plan built around recruitment, preparation and support.

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- * SEWING face masks
- * How to properly WASH HANDS
- * BUDGETING for groceries/bills
- * Creating/updating RESUMES for those who have been laid off
- * COOKING more meals at home because #stayhome
- * COOKING meals on a BUDGET
- * Talking to CHILDREN about their emotions and change in routines
- * Finding developmentally appropriate activities for our kiddos at home
- * Many FAMILY dynamics may have changed as adult children move home, parents work from home, and kids are not at school, blended or single parents struggle with custody
- * RELATIONSHIPS (friends, family, and S/O) are potentially strained with the quarantine and people are finding new ways to interact with one another

I could probably make this list go on for a very long time, but I think you get the idea... So the next time you hear someone saying that schools should provide "adulting" classes for students, tell them that FACS is doing just that! I'm proud to call myself a Family Consumer Science teacher and can't wait for the opportunity to start teaching students just how prominent these topics are in the real world!

Thanks for listening to my long speech. Stay home, stay safe, and stay happy!

FCS Day at the Capitol and National FCS Educator Day Recap

On February 13, 2020 we celebrated National FCS Educator Day and FCS Day at the Capitol with a Proclamation, Resolutions, group photo, tours, and a luncheon. GEAFCS presented gifts to each Legislator, and we submitted the Annual GAFCS letter to Georgia Legislators. The day was marked by a unique situation. - The General Assembly did not meet for many days due to reconciliation work on the budget. Fortunately, our Senate and House Resolution sponsors were on the appropriations committees and were working in the Capitol. Their administrative assistants worked very hard to arrange for the presentations under difficult situations. Senator Ginn invited us to sit in the Senate Chamber and gave a civics lesson which added a new twist to the day. Lively discussions ensued during the luncheon among students, professionals and legislators. A photo with First Lady, Marty Kemp, on the stairway commemorated the day. Stay tuned to www.GAFCS.org for photos. -Submitted by Joanne Cavis

2020 GAFCS Conference Awards Recap

The 2020 GAFCS Annual Conference held many opportunities for recognition of our awesome members! The \$1,500 TC Transcontinental Undergraduate Scholarship is awarded to an eligible student unit member who is enrolled in FACS undergraduate or related specialized program in a Georgia institution. This year's winner is a first year FACS education student from the University of Georgia, Ms. Kristen Hankins. The \$1,000 Spirit of Giving Undergraduate Scholarship is graciously provided by Ms. June Thomas and is awarded to a student who is a junior or senior student unit member enrolled in a FACS Education undergraduate program in a Georgia institution. This year's winner is Ms. Madison Adams. The Graduate Scholarship is awarded to a GAFCS member who is enrolled in a FACS graduate or related specialized program in a Georgia institution. This year's winner is a student at Georgia Southern University and is Mrs. Meagan Franco. Scholarships also granted this year by GAFCS were supportive in the 4-H Dean's Award and FCCLA scholarships. The 4-H Dean's Award in Family and Consumer Sciences is provided to a 4-H'er who carries out a project in the area of Family and Consumer Sciences and is announced at State 4-H Council. This year's first place winner and recipient of a \$500 scholarship, Master 4-H'er Status, and recognition at 4-H Day at the Capitol is Mr. Caleb Mosely from Tift County. The recipient of the \$500 FCCLA Scholarship is Ms. Emily Emmons, a student at Archer High School.

The Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences also recognized Mr. Charlie Mustard of Jittery Joes Coffee Company in Athens, Georgia as a "Friend of GAFCS". Mr. Mustard not only provided delicious Jittery Joe's coffee to be served at the conference, but he also graciously supplied coffee as gifts for the session speakers and as items for the silent auction. Mr. Mustard was in attendance at the conference and was presented with a plaque.

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TC Transcontinental has continuously provided their support of GAFCS through a \$1,500 undergraduate scholarship. To thank them, Mr. Dustin Dyer and Ms. Heidi Nichols were invited to attend the conference and receive an acrylic plaque.

Mrs. Jackie Ogden, AAFCS President and GAFCS member was presented with a Betty lamp to recognize her dedication to furthering Family and Consumer Sciences both on the state and national level.



Ms. Cynthia Lovett was recognized as the recipient of the "First Timer Attendee" award, which is provided to a professional member who is attending the GAFCS conference for the first time and covers their cost of registration.

Other recognitions included membership milestone achievements. 5 year members: Cara Simmons, Ivy Odom, Mitzi Parker, Vida Szabat. 10 year members: Megan Palmer and Susan Howington. 20 years: Helen Carter. 30 years: Theresa Wright. 40 years: June Thomas and Lynda Johnson. 45 years: Dorothy Conteh. 50 years: Lynda Susan Moss and Patricia Walochik. 55 years: Mildred Coleman.

For more information on applying for awards and scholarships, please visit the "Awards and Scholarships" Tab.

-submitted by Ashleigh Childs, VP Awards and Recognition



For more photos from the GAFCS conference, visit the UGA College of FACS Facebook post by clicking [here](#).

UPDATE: INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HOME ECONOMICS WORLD CONGRESS XXIV -- DESTINATION ATLANTA

As of the writing of this article, the IFHE is postponing the 2020 World Congress until July/August, 2022, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. GAFCS is committed to planning and implementing the home visit component under the leadership of the GAFCS Home Visit Management Committee. The team met, discussed the question, and replied our support to the IFHE-US World Congress leadership. We will continue to meet and keep our partners informed.

Every four years IFHE hosts a World Congress. The theme for 2020 is: "Home Economics: Soaring Towards Sustainable Development". The program includes educators' pre-congress, plenary sessions, concurrent sessions, Expo and poster sessions, university reunions, Learning Day on the Move with speaker and Home Visits. Visit www.ifheus.org to access the World Congress 2020 website.

-Submitted by Joanne Cavis

GEORGIANS CELEBRATED ELLEN SWALLOW RICHARDS BIRTHDAY

The founder of the family and consumer sciences profession, Ellen Swallow Richards, was the first female graduate of and first female faculty member at MIT. We celebrated our profession on her birthday, December 3rd, by "Dining In With Neighbors".

Check out the interactive map on the AAFCS website to see who and where folks "Dined In". Georgia fell in the 1001 to 5000 participants category. Governor Deal proclaimed December 3, 2018, as FCS Day - Dining In for Healthy Families.

Groups participating included: CFFLA, NAS, ECE, FBLA, GEAFCS, GAFCS, and Middle School programs.

All the Georgia FCS teachers and UGA Extension FCS agents were sent information about AAFCS resources and GAFCS news releases.

-submitted by Joanne Cavis

Keeping The Betty Lamp Burning

At the GAFCS Annual Conference in March, all of the presenters and speakers were asked to share what keeps their Betty Lamp burning. It was amazing to listen to stories about how everyone got started in this field and why so many of us have stayed in it for so long. Each person's story was unique, but the theme of connection and family seemed to pop up in each person's journey. Family relationships exist in so many places outside of the home: work, church, neighborhoods, schools, and even professional organizations. That is what keeps my betty lamp burning- this FACS family. This is my last newsletter as the VP of Communications. I have loved getting to be a small part of this FACS family for the past 5 years. Thank you all for bearing with me as I helped navigate us into the new world of technology. I am thrilled that Ashleigh Childs will be taking over this position. I know that she will help GAFCS grow even more as the times continue to change. I am so excited to watch as we do.

Signing off y'all! -Ivy Odom