

GAFCS NEWSLETTER

American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

Georgia Affiliate – August 2019

Jake Conner Elected as First Vice Chair of AAFCS Student Unit

A note from Jake:

"Hello, this year I will be serving as the first vice chair of the AAFCS Student Unit. I am excited for all that this brings, and would appreciate the GAFCS members in any help and advice they would like to provide."

AAFCS National Conference 2019 Photos

For more photos from the AAFCS National Conference, visit our website www.gafcs.org

GAFCS 2018-2019 Treasurer's Report

For a full copy of the 2018-2019 Treasurer's Report, please see the Treasurer tab on gafcs.org.



The Hats I Wore at the National Conference

I wore many hats at the AAFCS conference. I attended it as a student, an awardee, and as a presenter. I am a huge proponent of financial education. Therefore, as a graduate student, I was excited to attend the personal finance sessions. The National Endowment Financial Education offered a learning lab on how to use their free financial education evaluation toolkit (<https://toolkit.nefe.org/>). I look forward to using it for future programs.

I am grateful to receive the Myrna Lapidus Crabtree Graduate Scholarship. I excitedly attended the Stars Award Celebration on Tuesday night and met a friend of the late Myrna Crabtree. It was enlightening to meet the other awardees and to hear about the work of the Distinguished Service Awardees. I was surprised by the overwhelming number of people who have been members for over 50 years. Truly, AAFCS members enjoy the work they do and are committed to FCS...cont'd on page 2

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.

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Jackie Odgen and Karen Jones encouraged me to present our fundraising experience "5 for 5 campaign" for other affiliates. Eight attendees came to my i3 session representing four different organizations. One group was new to fundraising and was able to use the tips that I shared to being developing a fundraising strategy.

Overall, I would say that my experience at the conference was enjoyable. By engaging with the conference as an awardee and presenter, I was able to get more out of the conference than I did on last year.

-Jessica Parks, PhD. student Dept. Financial Planning, Housing, and Consumer Economics at UGA

Awards and Recognition Updates

The Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences would like to congratulate a long-time member, Jenna W. Black on her selection as a merit finalist for the 2019 American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences National Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Black began her teaching career in 1990 as an early childhood educator and opened the Fraiser Center Lab School to aid pregnant teens in completing high school and promoting an environment for success. She has taught for 32 years at Decatur High School, during which she has been recognized on multiple occasions for her enthusiasm and dedication to the field of Family and Consumer Sciences. She was nominated for Teacher of the Year for both the Georgia Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (GATFACS) and the Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences (GAFCS) in 2012, as well as teacher of the year for Decatur High School in 1992 and again in 2017 and named the teacher of the year for the City Schools of Decatur in 2017. Throughout her involvement on the professional level, Mrs. Black has served on many committees and has played various roles, currently holding the position for the Vice President for Professional Development. Mrs. Black's commitment has been described as being "consistent, on-going, and has significant impact on her local and state communities". We are very proud of our very own Jenna Black!

Also receiving honors was Ms. Jessica Parks, a Graduate student at the University of Georgia. Ms. Parks was selected as the recipient of the \$1,500 Myrna Lapidus Crabtree graduate scholarship to attend the 110th AAFCS Annual Conference and Expo in St. Louis, Missouri on June 23-26, 2019. This is an incredible honor and we look forward to sharing with you about Jessica's experience!

-Ashleigh Childs, Vice President of Awards and Recognition

Annual Conference Recap

The 2019 Annual Conference in St. Louis, Missouri was an amazing conference, to say the least. Georgia was well represented with 19 members in attendance. While each delegate played a special role, I want to highlight some of our members who deserve special recognition.

- Jackie Ogden who previously served as National Director-at-Large was elected to be our National President and presented "Ocean-to-Table Seafood Train the Trainer Program."
- Jenna Black is a National Teacher of the Year Merit Finalist and presented "The Fraiser Center Lab School."
- Jessica Parks received the Myrna Crabtree Professional Development Graduate Fellowship and presented "Fundraising Tips and Strategies for Affiliates."
- Jake Conner was elected as the First Vice President for the National Student Unit.
- Linda Johnson, Deion Mapp, and MeaLenea Homer presented "Reflections on Say Yes to FCS Campaign in Middle Georgia."
- Rebecca Hardeman presented "Clayton Fresh: Growing Real Awareness with Clayton Youth."

I missed all of you who couldn't make it, but I hope you are making plans to attend the 2020 Annual Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

-Carmen Pedersen, President

