

GAFCS NEWSLETTER

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IFHE Help Wanted

In little more than one year, international guests will be coming to Atlanta for the XXIV World Congress, and spending one day "learning on the move" throughout Georgia. Their day concludes with a home visit -- a family meal, look-at-the-neighborhood - as the cultural experience of Southern Hospitality in Georgia.

GAFCS needs Southern Hospitality Specialists to help coordinate these home visit experiences and/or serve as a host family. Georgia rolls out the welcome mat for our international guests for the IFHE-US group.

Jump on board! Contact the GAFCS home visit management committee to say you will help deliver Hospitality at its best.

-Joanne Cavis
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GAFCS Newsletter Update

Linsey Shockley will be joining Ivy Odom to Co-Chair the position of VP of Communications. Moving forward, please include Linsey and Ivy on all emails regarding the newsletter.

2019 Annual Conference Recap

Scholarship and award winners were recognized at the 2019 Annual GAFCS Conference hosted in Tifton, Georgia. Student members of GAFCS applied for various undergraduate scholarships, including the TC Transcontinental Scholarship for \$1,500. A Graduate scholarship was also available for \$500. Recipients of the 2019 scholarships were Mrs. Maegan Franco, a Child and Family Development major from Georgia Southern University, who was awarded the TC Transcontinental (undergraduate) Scholarship and Ms. Jessica Parks, a PhD student studying Consumer Economics from the University of Georgia, who received the Graduate scholarship. 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. Scholarship funds are allotted to aid students in their pursuit of education in a Family and Consumer Sciences related program at a Georgia institution. Also receiving recognition was the winner of the 2019 New Achiever Award, Miss. Ivy Odom. This award recognizes an emerging professional who has shown potential significant contributions in the field of Family and Consumer Sciences and must be nominated for this award. Other criteria include following AAFCS guidelines, remaining an active member with 2 consecutive years of membership prior to nomination and have completed 3-8 years of service to the field. All award and scholarship guidelines are available at <https://www.gafcs.org/awards-and-scholarships.html>. Congratulations to our 2019 scholarship and award recipients!

-Ashleigh Childs

Pictured below are the newly elected members of the GAFCS Executive Board at the 2019 annual conference.



Public Policy: The End and the Beginning

Now is the time to thank your local legislators for their support of family and consumer sciences professionals and the legislation that positively affects the quality of life for individuals, families and communities. A personal letter/note makes a difference. Take action today!

Call attention to the critical need for family and consumer sciences educators (classroom teachers and Extension FCS agents and educators) and FCS teacher education programs. Only UGA has a FCS teacher education program. There are no programs in south Georgia. Georgia Southern and ABAC need FCS teacher education programs. You need to let your legislators know that they must advocate for us with the Board of Regents to add these FCS teacher education programs. There are position openings and no one to fill them. We know how important the knowledge and skills learned through FCS subject matter are for life-long quality of life in home and work-place.

What are your local issues that affect public policy at the local, state and national level? How can you advocate? Talk and/or write to your legislators. Let them know how family and consumer sciences research can help in decision-making. Are there programs used in other localities or states that would work in your community to help solve critical community issues? Your AAFCS networks can help connect you to resources, organizations and professionals.

During the summer months, legislative agendas are developed, as well as the budgets to go along with them. Your actions can make a difference. -Joanne



Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
June 10	June 4	June 12	June 6	June 7
June 17	July 16	June 19	June 20	June 14
June 24	July 23	June 26	July 11	June 21
July 8		July 10	July 18	June 28
July 15		July 31	July 25	July 12
July 22				July 19
July 29				July 26
August 5				

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GAFCS Supports the Georgia 4-H Dean's Award for FCS

The Dean's Award is one of the highest honors that Georgia 4-H members can earn. The competition is an opportunity for them to showcase their talent, hard work and commitment to their community.

Competitors submit a cumulative portfolio that reflects and spans their entire 4-H career. High-scoring submissions are invited to participate in a separately-judged interview session at State Council.

A Dean's Award is presented every year to the over-all highest scoring individual in each of the following areas: Family and Consumer Sciences; Agricultural and Environmental Sciences; Citizenship; Communications and the Arts; and Leadership. First place winners receive Master 4-H'er status, a \$500 scholarship, and recognition at 4-H Day at the Capitol.

The 2018 Dean's Award for Family and Consumer Sciences was Elizabeth Day of Houston County. She is a twelfth-grader and is currently home-schooled. Please meet her through her own words from the cover letter that she included in her Dean's Award application. . .continued on page 3.

Student Recap of 2019 Day at the Capitol

Over 60 people from across the state of Georgia attended [Family and Consumer Sciences \(FACS\) Day at the Capitol](#) in Atlanta on Feb. 14, 2019. Attendees included students, alumni, faculty, and staff from the University of Georgia (UGA) and Fort Valley State University (FVSU). Attendees visited both the House and Senate chambers, met with family and consumer sciences stakeholders, and participated in tours of the Capitol hosted by UGA students involved in the Georgia Legislative Intern Program (GLIP).

Governor Brian Kemp joined the group to take a picture on the North Wing staircase, standing next to FACS dean Linda Kirk Fox, as well as Representative Houston Gaines and Senator Frank Ginn, two UGA alumni.

Prior to the group photo, Kemp signed a proclamation designating Feb. 14 as Family and Consumer Sciences Day in Georgia. Nadia Gaines, a Consumer Economics major at UGA said, "One of my favorite parts of the day was observing the House and Senate sessions in action." House and Senate discussions touched on various FACS-related topics, such as school safety, gun control policy reform, healthcare inequity, and racial diversity.

The group also had the opportunity to hear from a diverse panel after lunch in a room overlooking the Capitol. This panel consisted of Shawn Conroy from the Consumer Protection Division, UGA Extension Agent Rhea Bentley, former Georgia Association of Family and Consumer Sciences President Karen Jones, former FACS Legislative Aide Lauren Smith, FVSU student MeaLenea Homer, Linsey Shockley from the Georgia Department of Education, and Chief Judge Kathy Palmer. The panel was able to contribute unique perspectives in regards to the importance of a FACS background in Georgia legislature. Sarah Lindsay, a Human Development and Family Science major at UGA stated, "the panel was insightful due to their involvement in various facets of family and consumer sciences." Senator Bill Cowser also visited with the group during the panel and promoted involvement in the FACS Legislative Aide program.

Additionally, the group was able to network with three UGA students in GLIP.

"I really enjoyed learning about the connection between policy and my FACS degree," Nadia said. Overall, the trip was an excellent display of the influence FACS students can have in state policy-making by studying a curriculum centered on healthy individuals, families, and communities.

For more information on the FACS Legislative Aide program, visit <https://www.fcs.uga.edu/ssac/legislative-aide>

-Sarah Lindsey, UGA FACS student

...cont'd from page 2 "... My very first introduction to 4-H involved my father's love for the 4-H program. . . starting at age of nine. . . began competing in project achievement. . . continuing with my love for sewing and designing by competing in Fashion Review, and Textiles, Merchandising and Interiors. . . I was inspired to create my own sewing project club in my community. . . Over the last two and a half years, over 100 different 4-H'ers became involved. . . and donated over 50 pillowcases and more than 50 blankets to the Children's Hospital in Macon. . . "I was selected to intern for a local Fashion Boutique and an Interior Design Firm, . . . creating costumes for a local theatre, . . . and a youth-led musical fund-raiser for my community. . . the highlight of the year, happened last summer with a trip to New York City. . . to visit the fashion and garment districts. . . walking into the H & M storefront, I was directed to the "Walk the Runway" display. There I was asked to exhibit the outfit that I had assembled. As I walked the runway, where photos were taken, I was informed that my "Runway Walk" would be displayed on the Jumbotron in NYC Times Square. It was an amazing experience. . . " . . . I have had the opportunity to grow in my passions and explore the world of Family and Consumer Sciences through 4-H. . . and to use them for the benefits of others. . . "

Elizabeth Day, an outstanding young woman. This is why we pay forward to support prospective members of our profession! -Joanne Cavis

