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AAFCS Director of Affiliates Jane Walker (left) present Kimberly Crossman (right) with the AAFCS National Graduate Fellowship during the AAFCS 104th Annual Conference in Houston, Texas.

University of Illinois Student Receives AAFCS Graduate Fellowship

Champaign, IL – July 18, 2013 – The American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS) honored its graduate fellowship recipients at a ceremony during the 2013 Annual Conference & Expo, June 26th-29th, Houston, Texas, at the Hyatt Regency Houston. Kimberly Crossman, a family and consumer sciences graduate student at University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Champaign, IL, received the Jewell L. Taylor Fellowship.

AAFCS awards graduate fellowships to individuals who have exhibited the potential to make contributions to the family and consumer sciences (FCS) field. Individuals who receive a graduate fellowship will receive financial support for the study of family and consumer sciences and special recognition during the AAFCS Annual Conference & Expo. Also, recipients of some fellowships will receive support toward one year of AAFCS membership and participation in the AAFCS Annual Conference & Expo.

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The Taylor fellowship was established through a generous bequest from Jewell L. Taylor, a Texan and a dedicated family and consumer sciences professional for more than 50 years. She held positions as a county home demonstration agent and utility home economist, continuing her interest in AAFCS until her death. Crossman is the recipient of a \$5,000 fellowship and up to \$1,000 of support for one year of AAFCS membership and participation in the AAFCS Annual Conference.

About the American Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (AAFCS)

Based in the Washington, D.C., area, AAFCS is the only association for family and consumer sciences students and professionals across multiple practice settings and content areas. For more than 100 years, AAFCS has focused its mission on providing leadership and support for professionals whose work assists individuals, families, and communities in making more informed decisions about their well-being, relationships, and resources to achieve optimal quality of life. AAFCS members provide research-based knowledge about the topics of everyday life to help create healthy and sustainable families. These topics include human development, personal and family finance, housing and interior design, food science, nutrition and wellness, textiles and apparel, and consumer issues. AAFCS members are located nationwide, and include educators, administrators and managers, human service and business professionals, researchers, community volunteers, and consultants who develop research-based information and deliver programs on essential skills to help individuals and families be better prepared to live, work, and succeed in today's complex and diverse world.

Field of Family & Consumer Sciences

Family and consumer sciences (FCS) draws from broad and diverse disciplines to develop and provide content and programs that help individuals become more effective critical thinkers and problem solvers. Through discovery and delivery of research-based knowledge, FCS professionals help individuals and families develop essential skills to successfully live and work in a complex world. Professionals in the field are uniquely qualified to speak on many critical issues affecting individuals and families, such as maintaining a healthy lifestyle, wisely managing personal and family finances, and creating supportive relationships with family members, friends, and co-workers. They are located nationwide in a variety of practice settings, including secondary schools, universities, government agencies, and businesses.

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