Membership Recognition

25 years
Dee Jaye Frye

30 years
Patricia Hetrick, CFCS-Retired
Sister Denise Mollica
Elizabeth Ricker

35 years
Cathy Bowen, CFCS
Mary Alexis Fahnstock
Catherine Knupp, CFCS-Retired
Cheryl Kocay
Jan Scholl, PhD, CFCS

45 years
Robyn Wampler

50 years
June Rudy, CFCS
Hilary Zubritzky, CFCS

2020 Internal Relations Committee

Int Relations Co-VP: M Guldin, M McGinnis
Scholarship: Sr. Denise Mollica, Erin Byrnes, Sasha Roble
Outstanding FCS Professional: Joseph Zacher
Friend of FCS: M Guldin, M McGinnis
Teacher of the Year:
Standards for Excellence:

Pennsylvania Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

2020 Annual Conference

April 17 and 18, 2020
(Cancelled / Virtual Meeting June 8, 2020)
Blair County Convention Center
1 Convention Center Drive
Altoona, Pennsylvania

Our Why
Erin Byrnes, family and consumer sciences teacher at Solanco High School, is our PAFCS 2020 Teacher of the Year recipient. Erin started at Solanco High School in the Fall of 2010, teaching numerous classes including Child Development, Life Skills, and Nutrition, among others. In 2013, she became the lead teacher for her department and started working to overhaul the previous curriculum.

She was able to tie her Life Skills course to the real world and make it useful for students and more students wanted to enroll in her FCS department’s classes. In updating her curriculum, she was integral in bringing a ServSafe program to her district and worked with her district’s food services director to suggest some healthier options for the students at Solanco.

Erin’s coworkers and administration admire her use of authentic learning experiences and enthusiastic approach to learning in the classroom, while being a pleasure to work with. She is a leader in her school and a champion for her students, inside and out of the classroom. It is with this, that we honor Erin Byrnes, as the 2020 PAFCS Teacher of the Year!
Congratulations to Judith Dodd and Caroline West-Passerrello, MS, RDN, LDN, recipients of the 2020 Friend of FCS Award. Caroline & Judith were nominated by Elizabeth Gallagher, teacher at North Allegheny High School for their contributions to the foods and nutrition program.

Judith and Caroline are registered dieticians working through the University of Pittsburgh in the Department of Sports Medicine and Nutrition. Over the last 17 years, Judith and Caroline have educated high school students on topics relative to current trends in health and wellness, including label reading, the damaging effects of added sugar, vegan eating and healthy smoothie recipes.

This commitment, with its enduring tenure, shows their level of commitment to nutrition education and spirit of service. PAFCS recognizes Judith and Caroline for their outstanding contributions and support to the family and consumer sciences profession and exceptional service within the interest of PAFCS.
**Scholarship**
Committee Chair: Sister Denise Mollica, CFCS

**Abigail Fontana**, the daughter of Russell and Amy Fontana of Phillipsburg, NJ, is our **PAFCS Undergraduate Scholarship** recipient. She is a junior at Messiah College majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

Abigail has been actively involved in a variety of activities at Messiah College. She is involved in the Messiah Swim Team as well as the Ultimate Frisbee team, has achieved Dean’s list each semester and served as a Teacher Education Work Study. In addition she is talented as a Pastry Arts Chef and bakes and decorates desserts for special events and occasions.

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**Tariah Rozier**, the daughter of Carmen Rozier, is our **PAFCS Undergraduate Scholarship** winner. She is also a junior at Messiah College majoring in Family and Consumer Sciences Education.

Tariah has been actively involved in life at Messiah College since she arrived. She serves as a Resident Assistant and Diplomat at Messiah and manages to balance her studies (five semesters on the Dean’s List) with Special Olympics and Plunge Day. Tariah also serves as a supervisor at Edible Arrangements as a Fruit Expert.