Biographies for Slate of PAFCS 2020 Officers

President Elect (select one)

Jean Kelleher
Jean Kelleher has been in the FCS field for 20 years. Jean has been a member of PAFCS since 2001 and involved in several capacities, and the FCS PDE representative on the BOD since 2008. Before she became FCS program specialist, she was involved with planning several PAFCS state meetings and was the chairperson for the Standards of Excellence Award for several years. Jean is currently the Manager of Program Standards and Quality Assurance at the PA Department of Education and a Reading school board director. Jean is also on the SAY YES to FCS State action Plan committee and very active with the National Association of State Administrators of FCS to build capacity in the FCS field to recruit more teachers, locally and nationally.

Jean is willing to serve in the capacity of President elect because of her passion about the future of FCS in Pa. and nationally. Jean has been very involved in the AAFCS and FCCLA organizations at the state and national level in various positions and wishes to remain actively involved. Thank you for the nomination.

Sasha Roble
Sasha has been a Family and Consumer Sciences Educator (12 years), current FCS Department Chair for Central Dauphin School District (3 years) and an adjunct faculty member at Messiah College (5 years) teaching future Family and Consumer Sciences professionals methods of instruction. She is currently serving as the Association’s Secretary and assumes the role of Parliamentarian. In the past, she has participated on the Conference Planning Committee as well as served as the chair for the Friend of FCS award through the Internal Relations Committee. She is a member of the Pennsylvania Family, Career and Community Leaders of American Board of Directors and has held numerous leadership roles including Policies and Procedures Chairperson and Website Development.

She accepts the nomination of President Elect as she wants to continue her involvement in PAFCS at the state level and to further develop her leadership skills through the work of the Association. She is organized, dedicated to doing work well and an advocate for Family and Consumer Sciences Education.
Secretary (select one)

Bethany Pepe
Bethany Pepe is a 2003 graduate of Seton Hill University, who received a B.S. in Family and Consumer Secondary Education. She was employed by Bellefonte Area School District from 2004-2005 as FCS teacher and director of the Child Development Preschool program. From 2005- Oct 2019, she served as FCS teacher and adviser to multiple clubs, including FCCLA, at Mahanoy Area School District. Bethany also earned her Master of Science in Classroom Technology from Wilkes University in 2009 and worked for Pearson to create the National Teaching Exam for Family and Consumer Sciences from 2008-2010. Bethany earned her CFCS designation from AAFCS in 2013. Bethany assisted in the editing of the text and development of the instructor's guide to The A-Z Guide to Food as Medicine by Diane Kraft, and published in 2019. Bethany recently began her career as FCS teacher at the Wilson Area School District, Easton, PA.

Bethany's service to PAFCS includes being a student member as an undergrad, and professional member for many years since. Bethany has served as the Mid-East District Chair since 2018, where she planned and coordinated two successful district meetings and attended advisory committee meetings regularly.

Bethany would like to continue to serve PAFCS in the capacity of secretary in order to continue to serve our members in the years to come. She believes she has the leadership skills and professional skills necessary to uphold the duties of secretary and plan to continue promote PAFCS and AAFCS everywhere she goes.

Treasurer (select one)

Kirby Turner
Kirby Turner has been a dedicated member of PAFCS for eight years. She joined PAFCS as a student at Messiah College and continues to serve as a professional member. She currently fulfills the duty as PAFCS Treasurer. Kirby is a Family and Consumer Sciences teacher at Conestoga High School (Tredyffrin/Easttown School District) in Berwyn, PA.

In addition to teaching at the high school, she also coaches high school track. Kirby earned her Bachelor’s degree in Family and Consumer Sciences Education from Messiah College and is pursuing her Masters in Education in Applied Studies in Teaching and Learning from West Chester University.

Kirby is honored to accept the nomination for treasurer and to continue to serve and contribute to such a meaningful association.
**External Relations (select one)**

Maryann Guldin  
I am running for External Relations chair because I would welcome the opportunity to continue serving PAFCS. Previously, I served as PAFCS Teacher of the Year chair.

**Internal Relations (select one)**

Michelle McGinnis  
After my graduation from IUP I began my FCS career as an Extension Agent in western Pennsylvania. After marriage, a move to central Pa led to a retail management position and the opportunity to open a family business now in its 33 year. For the last 20 years I have had the role of FCS teacher at Lower Dauphin High School in Hummelstown, PA. In each of these jobs, professionalism has been and continues to be important to me. A large part of that is being a member of my professional organization, PAFCS.

In my 20th year as a member of PAFCS, I have gained excellent professional development experiences through local and state conferences as well as the webinars provided through AAFCS. Most important to me have been the friends and the networking opportunities gained. I have been South Central co-chair for 2 years where I helped to organize local professional development meetings and have served on the advisory board in that capacity. Most recently my leadership role has been as Co-Vice President for Internal Relations, the role for which I have been nominated again and would happily serve our membership to help make PAFCS the best it can be and encourage more to engage in this dynamic field.

**Nominations Chair (select one)**

Joan Hammond  
Joan has been the PAFCS nominations chair for two years. After 33 years of FACS teaching she enjoys this position. She gets to stay involved in the workings of the organization and gets to encourage others to serve.

During her years as a PAFCS board member, she has served as VP of Internal relations, chair of Friend of PAFCS committee and on the Friend committee. She enjoys serving the members and staying on top of new trends and information for a profession that she feels so passionately about.