Invitation to 2020 Annual Conference

Registration is now open for the 2020 Annual Conference being held April 17 – 18 at the Blair County Convention Center in Altoona, Pennsylvania. The Conference Planning Committee has developed programs and sessions for this year's conference with the intent of providing quality professional development opportunities for family and consumer sciences professionals.

This year's conference objectives include:
- enhance content knowledge in family and consumer sciences-related areas and pedagogy;
- increase skills using research on key elements of effective practice;
- engage practitioners in content aimed at developing STEM skills and competencies in students using an integrated, interdisciplinary approach to learning;
- empower participants to work effectively with parents and community partners to establish connections between the school, workplace, community, and the global economy.

The Conference Planning Committee looks forward to meeting members in April!

PA FCS Board of Directors Election 2020

Polls for the 2020 Election of PAFCS Leaders are now open. Members may cast their votes anytime until Friday, January 31, 2020 at 11:59 PM. During the voting period, you may enter the Online Election website to browse, read bios, practice filling out your ballot, or otherwise become familiar with the voting process as many times as you wish. However, you may VOTE only ONE time. If you receive an error message while trying to cast your ballot, try using Google Chrome as your internet browser.

Certification Opportunities at 2020 Conference

Becoming certified is the most credible credential a family and consumer sciences professional can achieve. The AAFCS Certification Program provides many benefits.

The following certification examinations are available for members:
- Family and Consumer Sciences (FCS) Composite Examination
- Human Development and Family Studies (HDFS) Concentration Examination
- Personal and Family Finance Educator (PFFE) Examination
- Nutrition and Wellness Educator (NWE) Examination

Click here to learn more about the professional certifications offered through AAFCS.

Members wishing to take a paper-pencil certification exam at the 2020 PA FCS conference must register for the 2020 Conference. Additional fees for the exam apply. Register for the on-site testing, by clicking here and save $60! Registration deadline for testing is March 15, 2020.

PA FCS Membership on the Rise

AAFCS and PAFCS have so much to offer through membership! While those reading this already know that, now is the time to shout that out loud! We are seeing great success with this year’s membership campaign efforts; adding fifteen new members to the affiliate! We welcome all new members to the Association and thank those members who have continued to renew their membership year after year! Together we’re FCS Strong!

PA FCCLA Seeking Evaluators for STAR Events

The success of each year’s competitive STAR (Students Taking Action with Recognition) Events is largely due to the participation of professional individuals who serve as volunteer evaluators in their area of expertise.

Please consider serving as an evaluator for this year’s STAR Events. Register by clicking here.

Additional information about Pennsylvania STAR Events can be found at www.pafccla.org.

Say Yes to FCS

PA FCS Job Openings

Through the Say Yes to FCS Initiative, a digital document was created to track the openings of Family and Consumer Sciences in PA. To see current openings, click here.

Save the Date

IUP Culinary School Workshop
March 9, 2020
Limited Registration

PA FCCLA State Leadership Conference
March 30 – April 1, 2020
State College, PA

Penn State Extension FCS Teacher Workshop
June 16 & 17, 2020
University Park

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